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CIVIC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2006 BUDGET WITH FIVE CENT PER \$100 REDUCTION IN REAL ESTATE TAX

By a 5-2 vote, the City Council on May 17 approved a \$726.4 million FY 2006 General Operating Budget and a \$170 million Capital Improvement Budget, which includes the CIP budgets of water, wastewater, parking and other non general funds. The CIP budget includes \$11.7 million to begin the replacement of Coleman Place and Crossroads Elementary Schools, and \$3.4 million to complete the construction of Blair Middle School. The budget reduces the real estate tax rate from the current level of \$1.40 per \$100 of assessed value to a new level of \$1.35 per \$100. Council Members Randy Wright and Donald Williams did not vote for the budget, saying it did not reduce the tax rate sufficiently. In addition to the rate reduction, the budget:

Expands the Senior/Disabled Tax Relief Program, increasing the income cap eligibility limit to \$50,000 (the current State maximum), increasing the net worth cap to \$200,000, exclusive of the value of the home (again, the State maximum) and increasing the income cap for 100 percent exemption for the property tax to \$19,228.

Establishes a tax deferral program for senior and disabled residents. Allows eligible residents to defer paying that portion of their real estate taxes which represent an increase in their taxes between 2004 and 2005. To qualify, the residences must be owner-occupied and the applicant's income shall not exceed \$50,000 with a net worth not exceeding \$200,000 (excluding the residence).

NOTE: Eligible residents may only participate in the tax relief or in the tax deferral program, not both.

Establishes a Residential Property Ownership Preservation Program to provide a grant of \$150 to eligible homeowners to assist them with continued ownership and occupancy of their home. The program details are still being worked out. The grant could be used towards exterior home beautification or other home improvement projects. The budget also enhances code enforcement and blight prevention activities by creating a new Department of Neighborhood Preservation and expanding the Bulk Waste Strike Team. Further details of the budget will be provided in the next issue of Civic Connection.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSINGS

The City of Norfolk's government offices, including City Hall and the court system, will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day. The closures also include the offices of the Commissioner of the Revenue and the City Treasurer. Offices will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday, May 31st.

Libraries, the bookmobile service and the City's recreation centers also will be closed on Monday. Trash collection will resume its regular schedule.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR OCEAN VIEW SHORELINE STUDY IN JEOPARDY

The House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee has approved the fiscal year 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. The \$29.7 billion bill was approved by voice vote and now is scheduled for mark-up by the full Committee.

The Subcommittee recommended \$4.7 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program. This is a cut of \$293 million from the amount appropriated in FY 2005 for the Corps. However, this amount is \$414 million over the president's FY 2006 budget request. For the third year in a row, the Subcommittee did not fund any new projects, including the Ocean View Shoreline study.

Recent disputes between House appropriators and the Corps over reprogramming and continuing contract authority are reflected in the Subcommittee's bill. Essentially, with individual projects included as statutory language, funds can only be spent on that particular project during a fiscal year.

This runs counter to the traditional practice of allowing some reprogramming of funds among civil works projects to address unforeseen schedule changes, environmental windows, or other project-specific circumstances. Reprogramming was advantageous to Norfolk this year in getting additional funding to move our shoreline study forward. It is unclear if these possible funding/management changes will survive conference negotiations with the Senate. This is the first step of a long process.

UPDATE ON CITYWIDE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Master Project for Citywide Accessibility Improvements is improving the quality of life for Norfolk residents who have physical disabilities. In addition to making sidewalks more accessible, the program

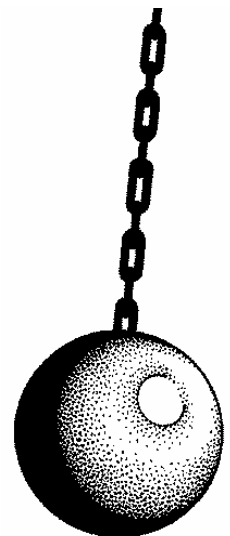
has completed a variety of other projects in the City. These projects have included: installation of wheelchair lifts at the Scope; purchasing desks for individuals with disabilities at the libraries; and equipment to make access to public and private polling places easier.

Currently, Human Services and Public Works are working collaboratively to resume Phase III of the Wards Corner ADA Improvement Project. The project, which is scheduled to resume construction in June, is designed to increase accessibility by replacing sidewalk and installing curb, curb ramps and driveway aprons along East Little Creek Road from Granby Street to the I-64 Interchange. Completion of the project is scheduled for fall of this year.

CITY REVAMPS CODE ENFORCEMENT DEMOLITION PROGRAM

The Administration has revamped the City's demolition program to more effectively remove structures that pose a threat to the public's health and safety. The streamlined process is decreasing the time it takes to demolish structures identified as a physical threat. The program will also reduce demolition costs of buildings through the implementation of an enhanced competitive bidding process. The average cost of demolition for 15 buildings recently removed was \$5,100. These properties were:

- 2932,2936,2942,2946 E. Virginia Beach Blvd.
- 1508,1520-1522 O'Keef Street
- 1516-1520 Wilson Road
- 915 Hatton Street
- 1715 Selden Avenue
- 743 Johnson Avenue
- 1540 Dungee Avenue
- 2405 Barre Street
- 5244 Norvella Avenue
- 118 West Ocean Avenue
- 1417 Proescher Street



Staff is projecting ten (10) additional demolitions before the end of this fiscal year and twenty (20) demolition projects identified for the first six months of FY 2006. I would also like to note that the City will begin demolition of Downtown Plaza the last week of May at a cost of \$93,231.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

This effort is part of a more focused operation with the appointment of James Rogers as the Acting Chief a few weeks ago and is the start of the City's demolition of thirty-six vacant or abandoned buildings throughout the City in the next 90 days.

Since his appointment, Rogers has met with a number of Civic Leagues throughout the City as well attended task force meetings. Rogers is also touring with City Council members to review code enforcement issues in their wards. He has also instituted a monthly meeting of all departments involved in Code Enforcement, such as Zoning, City Attorney's Office, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police and Public Works. These meetings are for employees at the working level to discuss, collaborate on and resolve issues. For example, we know there is a problem in some areas with parking on the front lawns. Quite often this occurs during the evening and other off hours. There will be efforts targeting this problem using employees from 24 hour operations, such as police when they are available for self-initiated work. This will not take away from their normal duties but will allow for additional around the clock code enforcement.

We are identifying ways to enhance reports on code enforcement activities. The data from the City's Call Center and HTE tracking system are being examined from the standpoint of developing a uniform reporting format using off the shelf software. This is a lot less costly than the originally proposed million dollar system. We are designing mechanisms to allow residents to access the status of their complaints via the internet.

Also a Steering Committee composed of Department Heads involved in code compliance will be developed and chaired by an Assistant City Manager. The purpose of this group will be to address any policy and resource allocation issues impacting code enforcement. Additionally, the Code Inspectors have been tasked to come up with work plans that will enable them to systematically conduct door to door surveys of homes in their assigned areas. The work plans will be completed by June 1, 2005.

FREE PUBLIC SEMINAR ON WETLANDS

Norfolk's Bureau of Environmental Services has developed a one-day wetlands educational seminar. Morning sessions will provide information on: the functions and values of wetlands, the importance of wetlands in marine ecosystems and their value to society, restoration projects in the City, the regulatory process, enforcement issues and City staff contact information.

In the afternoon, we'll go into the field to explore a local marsh. Staff will drag nets for fish, filter marine sediments for critters, and we'll look at vegetated wetlands to relate classroom concepts to Norfolk's wetland resources. Participants will have the opportunity to be actively involved in the field activities so dress accordingly.

Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided to registered participants. Contact



Kevin Du Bois (664-4369) or Annette Newkirk (664-4365) to register. Space is limited.

WHERE: Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center, Lafayette Park, 3500 Granby Street. Call 441-1347 if you need directions.

WHEN: July 23 or September 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THE 29TH ANNUAL NORFOLK HARBORFEST®

*In fond memory of Julian F. Hirst,
Norfolk City Manager 1975-1986
Whose dedication and loyalty to the City and
citizens of
Norfolk was tireless and greatly appreciated.*

Friday • Saturday • Sunday
June 10 – 12, 2005

Festival Hours:

Friday: 12 pm – 11 pm • Saturday: 12 pm – 11 pm
• Sunday: 12 pm – 6 pm

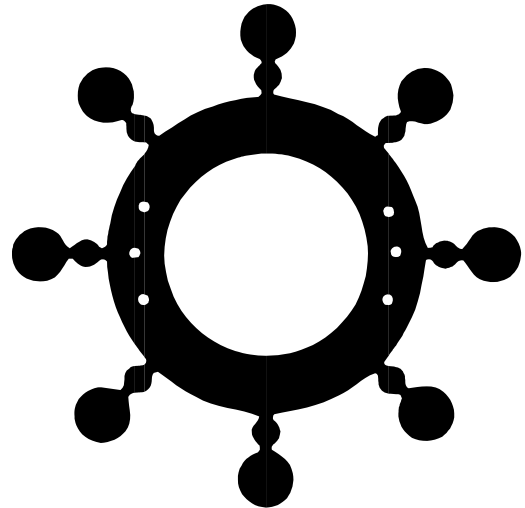
Town Point Park
Downtown Waterfront in Norfolk, Virginia

Mile Marker Zero on the Intracoastal Waterway
Free and Open to the Public

Twenty-nine years of festival traditions are celebrated on land as well as on the river with over 700 boats and ships, from massive cruise liners to miniature toy boats to float, more than 130 hours of live entertainment on 8 stages featuring classic rock and beach to swing, country and top contemporary artists.

New and Improved for 2005

- Schooner Virginia. Harborfest is proud to welcome the [Schooner Virginia](#), the first wood tall ship built on the Norfolk waterfront in almost a century.
- A Harborfest first – Dale Earnhardt, Jr.'s #8 NASCAR showcar on display!
- Radio Harborfest - Tune into Radio Harborfest® hosted by Paul Shagrue of WHRV who will broadcast live from Harborfest through out the festival weekend.
- Children's Area - "Under the Sea" is a children's interactive play area, touch tanks, small shipbuilding, trout fishing and craft making fill this "Under the Sea



playground" with oceans of fun for children of all ages. The Mermaid Stage will feature puppet shows and storytelling with the author of *There Goes a Mermaid*, Lisa Suhay.

- **Outside Bars and Clubs.** Join us at the 3 most popular Harborfest® meeting places - Hard Rockfish Café, Marina Tiki Club and Encore Bar. Both the Marina Tiki Club and the Encore Bar are new additions this year's Harborfest. Each of these lounges will feature cool, shaded seating, live entertainment with local and regional acoustic favorites, your favorite adult beverage selections sponsored by Bacardi, Budweiser and Jack Daniels plus light eats, including seafood, and non-alcoholic beverages.
- **Hampton Roads Marine Law Enforcement Demonstration.** Representatives of the regions' marine police departments, as well as the military divisions, will participate in a series of on water demonstrations.

Harborfest® Traditions

Fireworks

- Presented by Marine Hydraulics International, Inc.

Scheduled for Saturday June 11th at 9:30 PM from barges in the Elizabeth River adjacent to the Nauticus International Pier.

Sensational, breathtaking, and spectacular, be prepared for wows, oohs, ahhs, gasps, and goosebumps as Pyro Shows of Lafollette Tennessee synchronizes pyrotechnic effects with a musical score to captivate the waterfront.

Parade of Sail

The Parade of Sail, honoring John Sears, Jr., the founding father of this great celebration of land and sea, will pass in review off Town Point Park at 3 pm on Friday. The Parade of Sail features over 300 water craft including tall ships, character vessels, military vessels, tug boats, classic wooden boats, workboats, fire boats, U.S. Coast Guard Patrol boats and harbor craft, U.S. Navy vessels, the Virginia Pilots, members of the Norfolk Harborfest® Yacht Rendezvous and escorted by a fleet of more than 100 area recreational sail and power boaters. The official welcome of the Parade of Sail into the Norfolk harbor will be marked by a U.S. Navy flyover and military salute. Boaters will fly American flags as tribute to and support of our U.S. Armed Forces.

HARBORFEST STREET CLOSURES

This year's Harborfest begins at noon on Friday June 11th. To facilitate the early start time, Waterside Drive will be closed between Main Street and Martin's Lane at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 10th. Additional street closures will take effect starting at 11:00 a.m. on Friday. The two outside (curb) lanes on Waterside Drive, between St. Paul's Boulevard and Atlantic Street, will stay open for the westbound direction throughout the event. Both lanes will be directed to turn right at Atlantic Street, one lane for entry into the garage, the other to continue on to Main Street.

Efforts have been made to minimize the impact throughout the downtown; however, this street closure may affect some traffic patterns on Thursday and Friday including the way you enter and exit our parking facilities. Due to the street closures, please consider using Main Street or City Hall Avenue as alternative routes to access parking facilities.

To inquire about parking opportunities or for additional information, call the City's Division of Parking at (757) 664-6222. After 5:00 p.m. call the After Hours On-Duty Supervisor at (757) 441-2056 or send an e-mail to Parker@norfolk.gov.

FREEMASON STREET GARAGE TO OPEN IN JUNE

Located at the intersection of Boush and Freemason Streets in the Central Business District, construction of the 617-space Freemason Street Garage is nearing completion. This new seven-story facility replaced the out-dated 228-space Boush Street Garage, which was built in the mid 1970s.

The City anticipates this 617 space parking garage will open in early June in time for the busy summer and festival season. Located in the center of the downtown where Boush and Freemason streets meet, this facility is within walking distance of MacArthur Center, TCC, Nauticus and a host of other Norfolk attractions along Granby Street. Freemason Street Garage will feature the latest technology in garage equipment, including traditional cashiering as well as ATM-like paystations and pay in-lane devices. This will allow customers to pay for their parking at multiple locations using a variety of payment methods including credit and debit cards.

The Garage will be fronted by 94 luxury condominiums, known as 388 Boush Street. Collins Enterprises LLC, the developer, plans to wrap the four-story condos around the exterior of the City's new Freemason Street Parking Garage. All units at 388 Boush Street will have secure parking in Freemason Street Garage. By surrounding the new garage with housing, this project continues the City's plan to create a residential boulevard along Boush Street. Collins designed 388 Boush Street to attract the first time homebuyer or young professionals who seek the city living experience, without the rent and with a place to park. Upper-floor units will offer views of the Elizabeth River.

NOAA ISSUES 2005 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK Another Above Normal Season Expected

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hurricane forecasters are predicting another above-normal hurricane season on the heels of last year's destructive and historic hurricane season. "NOAA's prediction for the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season is for 12 to 15 tropical storms, with seven to nine becoming hurricanes, of which three to five could become major hurricanes," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator at a news conference today in Bay St. Louis, Miss. "Forecaster confidence that this will be an active hurricane season is very high."

This is the 10th year the Atlantic Ocean has produced an above-normal hurricane season. City departments are using the information provided by NOAA and other sources to strengthen the City's emergency preparedness infrastructure and procedures. One of the methods we are using to improve emergency preparedness is to focus more on regional cooperation. This includes strengthening the region's communication's network and developing a regional priority list of key buildings and infrastructure that require electrical and telephone service. This priority list will assist in speeding up restoration of power and phone services to these key buildings.



NOTE: CHECK THE FYI SECTION OF CIVIC CONNECTION FOR INFORMATION ON PREPARING YOUR FAMILY, HOME AND PETS FOR HURRICANE SEASON.

COOLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING JUNE 15

The Cooling Assistance Program was designed to assist low-income households with their cooling needs.

With Cooling Assistance you can:

- Repair your ceiling, attic or whole house fan
- Pay your electric bill to operate your cooling equipment

- Receive one portable fan
- Receive one air conditioner (installed or picked up)
- Repair your central air conditioning unit or heat pump
- Pay your electric security deposit
- Have one ceiling, attic or whole house fan installed

When filing for assistance, remember:

- You can mail or fax your application
 - Only 1 member of a household may apply
 - Applications must be signed to be valid
- *A household may apply more than once

NOTE:

Help is Limited to a maximum amount for each type of help

Help is limited to a specific number of times it can be received

A household must contain at least one individual who is:

- Age 60 or older
- Disabled
- Under the age of 6

*ASSISTANCE IS BASED ON THE AVAILABLTY OF FUNDS

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of the City of Norfolk
- Must have a heating or cooling expense responsibility
- Month gross income must not exceed (see chart)

Household Size	Maximum Income		Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$1,009		14	\$ 5,487
2	\$1,353		15	\$ 5,832
3	\$1,698		16	\$ 6,176
4	\$2,042		17	\$ 6,521
5	\$2,387		18	\$6,865
6	\$2,731		19	\$7,210
7	\$3,076		20	\$7,554
8	\$3,420		21	\$7,899
9	\$3,765		22	\$8,243
10	\$4,109		23	\$8,588
11	\$4,454		24	\$8,932
12	\$4,798		25	\$9,277
13	\$5,143			

Applications are available at your nearest Human Services office

JUNE 15 through AUGUST 15

Fax completed applications to 664-7544

SENATOR ALLEN ANNOUNCES \$35 MILLION TAX CREDIT TO NORFOLK INVESTMENT FIRM

U.S. Senator George Allen announced in March that the U.S. Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund is awarding a \$35 million Round III allocation of New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) to Hampton Roads Ventures in Norfolk, VA. The firm will facilitate the success of community and economic development projects in lower income urban and rural areas across Virginia. In February 2005, Senator Allen wrote a letter to Secretary John Snow in support of this tax credit.

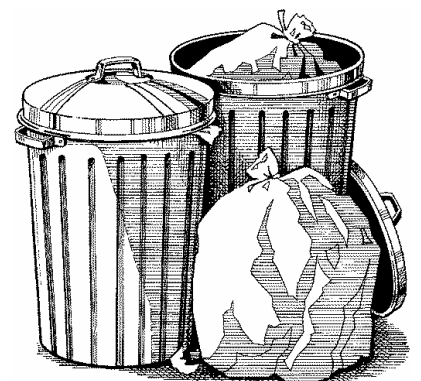
"The NMTC program provides a good foundation for enabling private investors to make a positive change in low-income communities," said Senator Allen. "Instead of simply providing federal funding for economically stretched areas, this initiative allows private citizens to invest in business opportunities which will bring much needed jobs and capital to the areas of Virginia that need it most. Hampton Roads Ventures is setting an excellent example and I applaud their dedication and hard work as they do their part to make Virginia a better place to live, learn, work and raise a family."

More specifically, Hampton Roads Ventures will provide equity and debt commercial real estate projects in highly distressed communities, particularly those that have been impacted by sudden or severe economic downturns. Through this award, Hampton Roads Ventures will be able to bring innovative financial products to lower-income communities throughout Virginia, including debt with equity features, subordinated debt, and debt with interest rates of up to 300 basis points less than the prevailing market rates.

Hampton Roads Ventures is a boutique investment firm specializing in attracting private-sector investment capital into innovative economic development in lower-income communities throughout Virginia, particularly urban and rural communities. Hampton Roads Ventures is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority (NRHA). The recipient of numerous community development awards, NRHA is the largest housing and redevelopment authority in the state of Virginia and is considered to be one of the most successful and innovative in the United States.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CLEAN THE BAY DAY

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) and the Norfolk Environmental Commission are seeking volunteers for the 17th



annual Clean the Bay Day Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to noon.

CBF, Farm Fresh Supermarkets, and Waste Management of Virginia, co-sponsors for Clean the Bay Day, hope more than 5,000 volunteers will participate in this year's event to clean up 275 miles of shoreline. Clean the Bay Day media sponsors are radio stations WNIS, WTAR, 96 X, BOB-FM, and The Zone and TV NewsChannel 3.

Clean the Bay Day is a great opportunity for individuals, families and neighborhoods to clean up debris from waterways throughout Norfolk. Boaters, divers and landlubbers are needed to serve as zone captains, registration assistants and trash collectors. Zone captains receive a FREE Clean the Bay Day shirt. Currently, Norfolk is in need of Zone Captains and adults to help in wetland areas along the Elizabeth and Lafayette Rivers

Appropriate clothing for the day includes long pants, closed-toe shoes or boots and work gloves, and volunteers should bring sunscreen, bug repellent and water. The event is rain or shine.

Advance registration to volunteer for the cleanup is required. To volunteer in Norfolk, call 441-1347 or visit NEC online at www.norfolkbeautiful.org.

DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO CALL 911?

911 is for EMERGENCIES only (see list below). An emergency is a situation in which someone needs immediate help from the Police Department, the Fire Department, or needs an Ambulance called because someone is sick or injured.

When do you call 911?

1. When you see something on fire. (House, car, boat, bushes)
2. When you see an accident of any type. (Car, truck, motorcycle)
3. When you see a crime being committed or something suspicious. Something that just doesn't look right.
4. When you see people hurting other people or animals.
5. When you see people trying to hurt themselves.
6. When there is a medical emergency.

Call 911 in any life threatening incident or when immediate attention is needed. If you're not sure that what you're calling about is an actual emergency, then call anyway. 911 dispatchers are trained professionals and will help you with your situation. They also answer the non-emergency calls so they can help you with any problem you have. If for some reason they cannot answer your questions, they know someone that can.

When you do call, a 911 dispatcher will answer the phone and ask you questions, trying to get all the information needed for police or fire to respond. Once they understand the reason you called, they will type in a message to be responders.

The dispatcher will stay on the line with the caller to obtain additional information to the units responding to your emergency. This extra information helps the Police, Fire and Rescue Units know what type of situation they are responding too. If the call happens to be a medical call, such as a heart attack or stroke, the dispatcher will give pre-arrival medical instructions to the citizens until the ambulance arrives.

911 Dispatchers are the public's first link to getting help, and these dedicated individuals constantly strive to help every citizen overcome their emergency situation.

Norfolk's 911 Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is operated by a staff of 72 trained dispatchers who work rotating shifts. When you dial 911, the call is automatically sent to Norfolk's Emergency Operation Center, located at 3661 E. Virginia Beach Blvd.

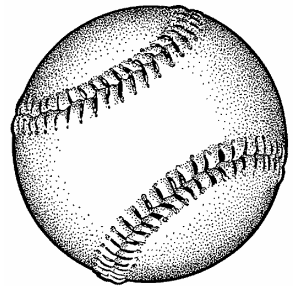
The Center also handles all non-emergency (441-5610) calls to the city and other city department's after-hour calls. The 911 center is open to all citizen groups and if you or your organization would like to see the center, please call and a tour can be arranged. For tours, call 441-5600

CITY RECEIVES BASEBALL TOMORROW GRANT

The City of Norfolk has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from Major League Baseball's "Baseball Tomorrow Fund". Grant funds will be used to facilitate the renovation of an existing field at Barraud Park into a multi-use field for both softball and baseball. The grant award will be leveraged against \$63,815 in City funds and \$53,352 in private donations to fund the renovations totaling \$192,167.

The City would not have received this grant without the support of the private sector. William I. Foster, III, President of Towne Bank - Norfolk, who pledged a contribution of \$15,000 to assist with equipment and uniform costs. Further, Mr. Foster has committed to assist the City in raising \$50,000 from area businesses. All are confident that this will be easily attainable.

This entire effort will help revamp the Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities (RBI) program. Through a partnership with Norfolk Public Schools, RBI baseball teams and softballs teams will be formed at each of the eight middle schools. RBI is intended to rekindle and enhance the growth of baseball and teaching young people the proper fundamentals of the game.

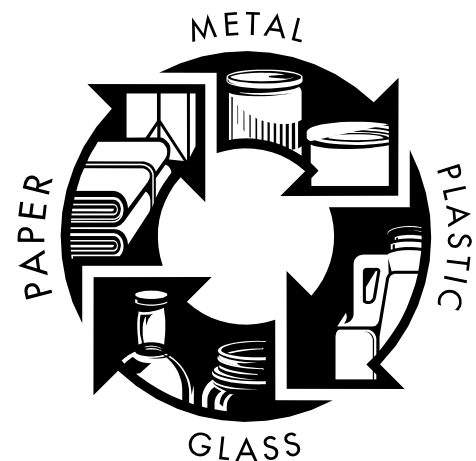


PHASE 4 OF "THE BIG EASY" COMING THIS JULY

During the week of July 18th, 95-gallon blue rolling carts will replace the remaining 18-gallon bins in eligible neighborhoods to complete Phase 4 of Norfolk's automated curbside recycling expansion program. Collection will begin August 9th, and continue with pick-up every other week, on the same day as their trash day. This is known as the Week 2 collection schedule.

Phase IV Neighborhoods:

Ballentine Place
Bollingbrook
Brandon Place
Camellia Gardens
Coleman Place
Cromwell Farms
East Belvedere Block Security
Elmhurst
Estabrook
Fox Hall
Freemason Street
Ghent Neighborhood
Ghent Square Homeowners
Greenhill Farms
Idlewood / Sandy Heights
Lakewood / Willowwood
North Camellia Acres
Norview Heights / Greenwood
Norvella Heights
Roland Park
Roosevelt Gardens Area
Sherwood Forest
South Bay View
Suburban Acres
West Ghent



The following materials are acceptable for recycling in the automated program: *Glass* (clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars), *Metals* (aluminum, foil, pie pans, steel/tin cans), *Paper* (clean newspapers and advertising inserts, unwanted mail, magazine, catalogs and flattened corrugated cardboard boxes), and *Plastic* (bottles and jugs only).

Summer Safari: 2005

Let your kids go Wild!

Your child's summer can sizzle with an exciting week of animal-related activities, games and fun. One-on-one animal interactions will drive the desire to explore and experience the world of nature in your Virginia Zoo's Summer Safari Camps. Camp for ages 4-14 and weekly sessions run June through August. Registration has begun and some camps are already sold-out. Call 441.2374 x 229 or visit www.virginiazoo.org for more information.



AS SUMMER BEGINS, CONSUMERS WARNED ABOUT DROWNING DANGERS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – With Memorial Day coming and many people getting ready for summer fun at the pool, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is reminding parents and caregivers of several key steps that will help protect children from drowning hazards in pools and spas.

CPSC reports there are about 250 drowning deaths of children under 5 each year in swimming pools, and an estimated 2,300 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for pool submersion injuries in 2004 – mostly in residential pools.

CPSC recommends layers of protection including barriers, such as a fence with self-closing, self-latching gates completely surrounding your pool to prevent access. If the house forms a side of the barrier, use alarms on doors leading to the pool area or a power safety cover. Additional layers to consider include pool alarms and manual safety covers.

It is important to always be prepared in case of an emergency by having rescue equipment and a phone near the pool, and learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). A common scenario is that young children leave the house without a parent or caregiver realizing it. If a child is missing, look in the pool first.

“Close supervision of young children is crucial in preventing drowning deaths,” said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. “Since no one layer of protection is foolproof, parents must be constantly vigilant to protect their children.”

CPSC also is reminding parents and caregivers to be aware of the hidden danger of drain entrapments. Since 1990, CPSC has reports of 130 people who became entrapped on pool and spa drains or whose hair became entangled in the drain cover, resulting in 27 deaths.

The suction from a pool drain can be so powerful that it can hold an adult under water, but most entrapment incidents involve children. CPSC recommends that before you use your pool or spa this year, have a professional inspect it for entrapment hazards.

This inspection should check to make sure appropriate drain covers are in place, and that missing or broken drain covers are replaced, as they are a major reason many entrapment incidents occur.

Pool and spa owners can consider installing a Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS), which detects when a drain is blocked and automatically shuts off the pool pump or interrupts the water circulation to prevent an entrapment.

More information can be obtained at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov, by calling CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772, or by writing to "Pool Safety," U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM UP TO PROMOTE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security today announced that for the third season in a row, it is joining Minor League Baseball to promote emergency preparedness. During the 2005 season, 48 teams across the nation will educate and encourage their fans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools by featuring Ready campaign information in their ballparks, beginning April 14th, 2005.

"I am delighted Minor League Baseball is joining us again this season to highlight the importance of public emergency preparedness," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "The teams' efforts throughout the spring and summer will help remind fans of the simple steps they can take to prepare: get a kit, make a plan and be informed."

Many teams will take part in the effort by featuring Ready campaign television or radio public service announcements in their ballparks and/or game programs. Ready asks citizens to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family communications plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses. By providing this important information, teams are helping to prepare fans and their communities to respond to potential emergencies.

"Our clubs strive to be vital parts of their communities," said Mike Moore, President and CEO of Minor League Baseball. "They're extremely proud to be able to work with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Boy Scouts of America in helping educate Americans on how to better prepare their families in case of a public emergency through the Ready campaign."

Boy Scout troops across the nation will also take part in the effort again this season by distributing Ready brochures during selected Minor League Baseball games. The Boy Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared," and its collaboration with Minor League Baseball to distribute emergency preparedness information allows the organization to support efforts to better prepare communities. In addition, the Boy Scouts' participation in this initiative allows scouts to earn the Good Turn for America Award, which fosters joint community service projects between the Boy Scouts and organizations like Homeland Security.

"Each year, Scouts across America fulfill the Scout Oath of 'helping other people at all times' by participating in a wide variety of service projects," said Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. "One of the most important service projects Scouts complete each year is helping communities 'be prepared' for emergencies."

This effort between Homeland Security, Minor League Baseball and the Boy Scouts of America is an example of the strategic relationships the Department has secured with a variety of organizations to disseminate preparedness messages and materials to the public.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY SAYS “THANK YOU” TO NORFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Four members of the Norfolk Police Department Dive Team were honored recently at City Hall by officials of Chowan County, N.C. for their efforts earlier this year to locate the bodies of two drowning victims.

The first incident occurred on January 2 when an engineer on board a Norfolk Tug fell overboard in the Chowan River in 37 degree water. The dive team members were called in to participate in the recovery effort. The body was discovered when the dive team deployed its side sonar system.

The dive team also recovered the body of a Tyrell County man who jumped to his death from the Albemarle Bridge last February.

The members of the dive team that will be recognized include Lt. Stephan Bennis, Cpl. Lee Woiteshek and Officers Norm Harris and John Kim. The presentation will be made by Chowan County Attorney Peter Rasco, Doug Delch – Director of Emergency Services and Patty Madry – Emergency Management Coordinator.

GRANT’S MANAGEMENT OFFICE PROVIDES ENHANCED GRANT TRAINING TO CITY STAFF

The City’s Office of Grants Management, in an effort to leverage existing City dollars against federal, state and foundation funding is working with departments to heighten awareness about grant opportunities as well as increase staff’s grant writing skill level. Helping to develop skills in these areas will assist staff in City departments in successfully working through the competitive process of obtaining funding from federal, state, and foundations.

Two “Basic Grant Writing” workshops and two “Advanced Grant Writing” Workshop are being offered to City staff. In addition, the training will provide City staff an opportunity to work with the powerful web based grant locator software eCVIS. This software helps to quickly locate federal, state and foundation grant opportunities.

JOINT LAND USE STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE (JLUS) UPDATE

The Hampton Roads Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Policy Committee met on April 21 and formally endorsed the publication and distribution of the final version of JLUS. Recommendations in the JLUS analysis are offered both for the region as a whole, the Navy, and also for Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Norfolk. The Executive Summary as well as the full JLUS report are being distributed to the legislative bodies in each of the three cities and made available for review by the general public on regional websites.

With the JLUS Policy Committee's acceptance of the final report, the next step in the process is the formal endorsement of the document by the City Councils of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Norfolk. Cities are being requested to take formal action on this issue in May. As was discussed in the last update provided on this issue, the Norfolk Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee reviewed the JLUS process and report findings and have recommended approval of the document by City Council.

One of the key recommendations from the JLUS process is the proposed establishment of a permanent and ongoing regional committee on military aircraft noise issues. A draft organizational structure from a similar group in Kentucky has been distributed for consideration. This issue is being scheduled for discussion at the May meetings of Mayor's and Chairs and the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs). The proposal also includes provisions to expand the committee's membership to include Peninsula jurisdictions and military commands, as well as revise the committee's scope to cover military/community issues generally and not just jet noise concerns. If established, Norfolk will need to make formal appointments to both this committee and its supporting technical group.

CITY TURNS TO MERMAID MAGIC FOR SOLUTION TO CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND ILLITERACY

At a time when childhood obesity has become one of the nation's biggest health concerns, this city has developed an urban fitness project that encourages children to "Shake your tail. Walk the trail. Read the tales."

Five years ago Norfolk placed colorful mermaids throughout the city as part of a public art project. The mermaids have taken on a life of their own and are now helping the City fight illiteracy and encouraging children to become "heart healthy."

Through a unique partnership with The Virginian-Pilot Newspaper and The American Heart Association and a local author, this June, Norfolk will launch the **"Heart & Art Mermaid Story Trails."** This trail starts at the Nauticus, Chrysler Museum of Art, McArthur Public Library system. Together, walking from mermaid to mermaid, children will complete the "page" of a new mermaid tale attached to each trail. Each trail is 10,000 healthy heart steps. Three mermaid trails must be completed to complete each trail. Also partnering with the Nauticus, Chrysler Museum of Art, McArthur Public Library system.



Located in the nation's stroke belt, an area in the Southeast that has the highest stroke mortality rates, Norfolk saw the link between 18.5% of its population living below the poverty line, 24% being functionally illiterate and rising weight and fitness problems associated with low budget cooking and sedentary lifestyles. The new program address the complete problem.

The catalyst for the program is a non-profit children's book, **“There Goes a Mermaid! A NorFolktale.”** To date, the book, sponsored by The Virginian-Pilot has raised \$20,000 for local charities (The Literacy Partnership and The Virginian-Pilot Joy Fund) to fight literacy and to purchase holiday gifts for area children.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH - June 9th NOON – Nauticus – Mayor & Council unveil final trail marker and officially open the Heart & Art trails by walking them with American Heart Association voluntters and other Downtowners.

On June 10-12 – at Harborferst – Author Lisa Suhay will read & sign “There Goes a Mermaid!” Mermaid song singer/songwriter Deirdre Flint will come in from Philadelphia to perform live. Norfolk Public Library is doing a paper mermaid craft – mermaids on sticks that kids can color, glitter etc.

MERMAID ARRIVES IN STYLE

Norfolk's newest Mermaid and the first to be publicly unveiled in five years was delivered in a convoy of Federal Express trucks on April 20. The Mermaid was installed in front of the Kirn Memorial Library on City Hall Avenue.

The Mermaid ... “Made On Time” ... was created to honor the role that FedEx played in transporting more than 10,000 copies of the book “There Goes A Mermaid – A Norfolk Tale” free of charge from the port of Los Angeles to Norfolk. The shipment was being held up because of transportation problems. It was feared that the books would not be delivered in time to meet pre-Christmas sales commitments.

As a result of FedEx's generosity, the book arrived on schedule, sold out in a matter of days and generated more than \$20,000 for charity. FedEx President and CEO Doug Duncan, a native of Hampton, supervised the arrival of the new Mermaid and its installation in front of the Library.

VIRGINIA INTERACTIVE WEB EXPERIENCE ENGAGES VISITORS IN JAMESTOWN 2007—www.virginia.org

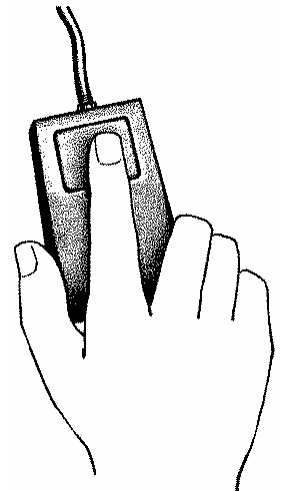
Imagine yourself as a voyager sent on a mission to an uncharted alien environment. Your transport vessel deposits you in a place where provisions are scarce and elements severe. Neither you nor anyone in your party expected this, and no one is prepared or properly trained for what you have encountered. Soon food becomes scarce. Shelter is

inadequate. Disease takes over. People begin to die. Hope fades. This scenario could easily be found in a reality TV show, but it actually occurred among the settlers of Jamestown during the winter of 1609-1610, a season the survivors later called “The Starving Time.” Virginia Tourism Corporation has created a new Web-based interactive experience introducing visitors to the severe challenges faced by the Jamestown settlers. Visitors also get to meet some of the settlers themselves. The experience is called “The Starving Time, Winter 1609-1610” and is found at www.Jamestown1607.org.

The Web site is one of VTC’s primary vehicles for promoting the upcoming Jamestown 2007 commemoration—the 400th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in the New World. The Starving Time is the first of four interactive episodes following a teaser, “The Voyage,” which visitors to the site can also experience.

The Starving Time uses evocative artwork, voices and music for visitors’ interaction with the settlers of Jamestown as real flesh-and-blood people. Faced with starvation, disease and exposure during the bleak winter of 1609-1610, colonists died in droves. Of the 500 settlers who entered that winter, more than 80 percent perished. Those who clung to life and survived set the permanent foundation not only for the Virginia colony—the largest and most prosperous of the 13 original colonies—but for what would become the United States of America.

Visitors to the Web site meet some of the real Jamestown settlers. They encounter Captain John Smith as he proclaims to his fellow settlers, “No food for those who do not work! It is what God hath commanded us to do—and the survival of the colony depends upon it.” Master George Percy asks, “What hell hath we wrought upon ourselves...all in search of gold? Were we so blinded by dreams of success that we failed to see the snares that lie before us?”



LAKEWOOD DANCE RECITAL

The Lakewood Dance and Music Center will hold its Dance Recital June 8, at the Harrison Opera House at 6pm. \$10.00-general admission. Students ages 4 years- senior will perform tap., ballet, jazz, and Broadway dance.

GRAND OLD LADY EARNS NEW LEASE ON LIFE HISTORIC THEATER RE-OPENS

The Granby Theater first opened its doors on February 21, 1916 when police officers were summoned to control a crowd of more than 1,700 people who showed up to watch “America’s Sweetheart”, Mary Pickford star in “Poor Little Peppina”. The theater

was one of several luxurious “movie palaces” that lined Granby Street in downtown Norfolk.

Following years of decline, the theater was purchased in 2002 by prominent downtown developer Bobby Wright and several partners. The group, Downtown Norfolk Entertainment, Inc., has spent more than \$4 million to renovate the historic theater. The 10,000 square-foot theater now includes five bars, dance floor, modern sound and lighting systems and multi-level members-only Balcony Club.

PROTECTING AMERICA’S CHILDREN—PROJECT MOUSETRAP

That kid your daughter chats with online...is he a 14-year-old middle school boy or a 40-year-old sexual predator? Does you child switch screens when you come near the computer?

No longer limited to the public park or playground, the pedophile now operates in the vast murky regions of the Internet. This environment allows him to move almost at will and strike those who are unprepared. While Internet crimes are often thought of as victimless, nothing could be further from the truth. Children and teenagers can and do become victims of Internet crimes. We challenge you to be more informed about the Internet and online predators.

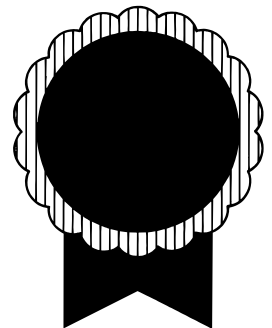
Project Mousetrap is a free special interactive CD-ROM designed to help parents, teachers, and other concerned adults understand Internet communications, see inside the world of the online predator, and take steps to protect our children.

CPAAAN is partnering with the Virginia Community Policing Institute (VCPI) to assist in the distribution of these free CDs. Target areas will be schools, recreation centers, churches; civic and social organizations; police and crime prevention groups.

We still have some free CDs available. Get your copy today so you, too, can learn how to protect our children. Contact Fred Gallup at 855-2642 for further information or to obtain a CD.

2005 VIRGINIA STATEWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

Nominate a Neighbor! Be sure to get your nominations in for that hardworking neighbor or neighborhood group that you believe are worthy of recognition. Complete the application in this issue of Civic Connection to the address on the form by Monday, July 25, 2005. Winners will be announced at the 6th Annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, September 22-24, 2005 in Norfolk, Virginia.



VIRGINIA STATEWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE – 2005

Excitement is definitely in air among residents throughout the state regarding the upcoming 2005 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference that will be held in Norfolk, Virginia on September 22-24, 2005 at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown Norfolk. All civic leagues, community interest groups and residents are encouraged to plan now to attend this year's affair. Civic leagues or residents interested in award nominations should call the NU Info Line at 441-2400, Extension 232 or visit our conference website at www.norfolk.gov/Neighborhoods/Service/VASNeighborhoodConference.asp.

Volunteers Needed for Conference

Since Norfolk is the host city, plenty of volunteers are needed for the success of this year's conference. If you are interested in being a volunteer or learning more about the Statewide Virginia Conference, our Neighborhood Service Centers, Neighborhood University (NU) or other programs in the Division of Neighborhood Services, please call 441-2400 or visit our Division website for additional information.

INTERNATIONAL DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN NORFOLK

Downtown Norfolk welcomed delegates from the International Downtown Association May 14-16. Visiting the IDA spring conference at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside were delegates from as far away as Australia. IDA is an association comprised of downtown professionals, elected officials and city administrators—all people who care about the future of the world's downtowns. Having this group in Norfolk was a rare opportunity and we know they found downtown Norfolk a great learning laboratory.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR 2005 HOMEARAMA CHARITY HOUSE

The Tidewater Builders Association, each year as part of Homearama, constructs a house specifically designed to raise funds for a designated local charity. The "charity house" for the 2004 Homearama in East Beach was built by Bill Brice of WATAB Construction with the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) designated as the local charity.

For the 2005 Broad Creek Homearama, Simpson Builders will construct the 2005 "charity house" and has named the house in honor of Wes Simpson. Proceeds from the sale of the house are estimated at \$100,000 with CHKD again being the designated charity. When completed, it will be one of more than a dozen showcase homes that will be on display at Homearama this fall.

NEW WEB ZONING MAP CAPABILITY TO BE UNVEILED THIS SUMMER

Beginning this summer, the City will provide the public with a GIS application entitled the “Interactive Zoning Mapper”. This new software application will allow the general public to access zoning information over the internet, related to a specific site within the City. Access will include base zoning, overlays, conditional zoning, and the Chesapeake Bay buffer area. In addition, the public will be able to view aerial photography either with or without zoning shown. This application also includes software descriptions of the zoning districts as well as information about properties that are conditionally zoned.

This and other high quality map applications are the result of the City’s investment in geographic information systems (GIS) technology. GIS software is used to view, analyze and link data such as: people to addresses; buildings to parcels; or streets within a network. Placing data in layers using GIS software allows for better understanding of how data interrelates.

Norfolk’s GIS software has in-house as well as community-wide applications. GIS technology currently in use by City staff allows for real time zoning updates; provides for one set of “official maps” that can be accessed from remote locations by staff as well as the ability to overlay multiple layers of information onto one map.

CALVERT SQUARE SELECTED AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY GARDENING SITE

“The Scotts Company” has selected Calvert Square and four neighborhoods in cities from around the country (Orlando, Atlanta, Columbus, OH and Long Island, NY) to receive funding and free products to plant community gardens as part of the 20th Annual Great American Clean-up. This multi-year partnership between Scotts and the neighborhoods is part of the Keep America Beautiful and its Great American Cleanup campaign, the nation's largest annual community improvement and beautification program. The development of community gardens is part of a new national initiative by Scotts to inform the public about being good environmental stewards.

The five sites were selected based on the following criteria: visibility, especially if the garden could serve as a gateway to a neighborhood; provide open green space; provide an opportunity to educate residents on the benefits of gardening; and offer a commitment that the garden, once



completed, will be maintained for several years. Calvert Square's submittal was coordinated by the Norfolk Environmental Commission and NRHA staff. The community garden will also provide educational opportunities for pre-kindergarten and youth groups active at the Calvert Square Community Center. Initial planting of the garden began the end of April.

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND"

This week, Senator George Allen and Congressman Bob Goodlatte introduced legislation which would give states waiver authority for the "No Child Left Behind" Adequate Yearly Progress provisions (AYP). The proposed legislation, known as the 'Flexibility for Champion Schools Act', establishes guidelines under which a state can receive a waiver from the AYP formula. However, the legislation still requires states to maintain the fundamental requirements of standards-based reform (i.e. adopt academic standards, test all students, and hold schools accountable for results).

If the bill passes, it is good news for Norfolk and other Virginia school districts. The legislation would give Virginia school districts additional flexibility and greater responsibility for carrying out the provisions of "No Child Left Behind".

INC MAGAZINE RANKS NORFOLK AS THE 13TH BEST PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

In the May issue of INC. Magazine are the annual rankings of the best places to do business in the nation. Norfolk-Newport-News-Virginia is ranked the 13th Best Place to Do Business, up from 86th place in 2004. The rankings are based on job growth and the extent to which the growth extends over a range of industries.

FEMA'S FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION PROPOSAL RAISES CONCERNS OF PROFESSIONALS

The Federal Emergency Management Administration is proposing to work in partnership with states and communities to revise and update the nation's flood maps. The flood maps are not only important for flood zone determinations for insurance and for land use/development decisions, but are also important for the National Flood Insurance (NFIP) mitigation programs. The proposal in its current format is raising concerns of local and state officials as well as representatives from the insurance industry. These concerns were discussed in recent testimony by the State Flood Plain Managers to the House Committee on Financial Services.

Expert testimony raised the following concerns: the five year time frame for mapping 100% of the country is too ambitious; the project is underfunded; and FEMA's proposal does not ensure a basic level of quality. The potential impact on Norfolk is significant, especially as it relates to the ability of residents to participate in the NFIP. Staff will continue to monitor this situation and provide periodic updates to Council as this issue unfolds.

NORFOLK'S EVENT HIGHLIGHTED IN U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS NEWSLETTER

The Mayor's signing of the "Covenant to End Homelessness" was featured this week in the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness e-Newsletter. The article details Norfolk's commitment to end homelessness and highlight key goals of the City's "Blueprint of the Plan to End Homelessness". A copy of the article is included in this week's packet.

CITY RECEIVES PHASE II OF FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM FUNDING

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced this week that Norfolk's request for a second phase of hazard mitigation grant projects has been approved to reduce damages from future disasters. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is a state-administered program that will pay \$1,909,500 toward the \$2,546,000 total mitigation costs. The state, City and property owners are responsible for funding the remaining \$636,500 in costs associated with the project.

There are 20 flood-prone dwellings included in the second phase grant application. These properties have already been identified and are located in East Oceanview, Willoughby Spit, West Oceanview and Larchmont. All the properties included in this phase of the project have been repetitively flooded and are in continued danger of flooding if left uncorrected.

BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Defense (DOD) released its recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) on Friday morning. The recommendations will be considered by BRAC and a report is due to the President by September 8th. The President has until September 23rd to review and report these recommendations to Congress. Revisions may be made to the report during October with the final date for a report from the President being November 7th. Most of the

recommended actions for closure, relocation and realignment are expected to occur over the next two to six years.

Norfolk fared well by gaining approximately 3500 military and civilian jobs. Overall, the Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA will net an increase of 89 military jobs and a decrease of 223 civilian jobs. The Peninsula was hit especially hard by the recommended closure of Fort Monroe and realignment of Fort Eustis.

Some of the specific actions of the DOD recommendations that impact Norfolk Naval Station include:

- Consolidation of Navy Region Northeast (New London, CT) with Navy Region, Mid-Atlantic (Norfolk)
- Closure of Submarine Base, New London, CT and transfer of fast attack submarines to Naval Station Norfolk
- Submarine maintenance, engineering and procurement operations will relocate from Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, Maine to Norfolk Naval Shipyard as well as a portion of the ship overhaul and repair
- Move of mine-hunting helicopter squadrons from Naval Air Station Corpus Cristi, TX to Naval Station Norfolk
- Consolidation of Naval Facilities Engineering Northeast with Naval Facilities Atlantic in Norfolk
- Consolidation of Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast with Naval Reserve Readiness Command Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk
- Relocate the installation management functions from Fort Story, Virginia Beach to Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic at Naval Station Norfolk

Other recommendations that have an area impact include:

- Relocation of basic and specialty enlisted medical training from Naval Medical Center Portsmouth to Fort Sam Houston, TX
- Oceana will relocate instructor pilots and other support personnel to establish the initial joint training site at Eglin, AFB for the joint strike fighter.
- Closure of Fort Monroe will relocate the US Army Training & Doctrine Command and other commands to Fort Eustis.
- Realignment of Fort Eustis will involve the relocation of the following:
 - Aviation Logistics School to Fort Rucker, AL;
 - Transportation Center and School to Fort Lee, VA;
 - Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command to Scott Air Force Base, IL;
 - Installation management functions to Langley Air Force Base

NORFOLK RANKED IN TOP 10 OF PLACES TO JUMP-START A BUSINESS OR CAREER

The May 23rd edition of Forbes Magazine, now on newsstands, has identified Norfolk as one of the “10 metro areas that stand out when it comes to keeping costs down and attracting smart people.” The rankings are part of the magazine’s annual review of the nation’s 150 largest metropolitan areas (populations over 345,000). Norfolk, which is ranked number eight (8) was joined by the Washington metro area (#4) and Richmond metro area (#16) in the top 20. Texas was the only other state that placed more than one metropolitan area in the top 20, which is an indication of Virginia’s business friendly climate, low business costs and highly educated labor force.

Norfolk’s Forbes ranking is similar to the designation INC Magazine bestowed upon the City that was reported in last week’s Brief. As you may recall, INC Magazine ranked Norfolk as the 13th best place in the country for doing business.

NORFOLK COMPANY REPEATS AS #1 ON FANTASTIC 50 LIST

THR Enterprises, a Norfolk company founded in 1995 with 53 employees, was awarded first place for the second year in a row in the FANTASTIC 50. The Fantastic 50 list is produced by Virginia Business Magazine and lists the 50 fastest growing privately owned companies in Virginia.

Terry Robinson received a proclamation last year from City Council in recognition of this achievement. THR Enterprises’ growth from ’00-’03 was posted at 3951%. Two other Norfolk companies made the list: Perry & Associates, a property appraisal company at #23 with 389% growth and 19 employees; and Network Industries Ltd., a women owned ship repair firm employing 1,072 with a 199% growth rate at #42.

NORFOLK REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS RECOGNIZED BY NAHRO

The southeast region of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) announced this week that all seven of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) entries in the 2005 NAHRO Awards competition have been honored with Awards of Merit. NAHRO is a membership organization of 21,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the United States whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans.

NRHA submitted entries in the following categories: ***Program Innovation:*** Youth Mentor Cadet Academy “College Here We Come”; ***Administrative Innovation:*** NRHA Web Site; ***Project Design/Rehabilitation Project:*** Attucks Theatre; ***Project Design/New***

Project: Franklin Arms and Westchurch; and **Project Design/Enduring Design:** Ghent Square.

Three of NRHA's entries were chosen by NAHRO judges to advance to the National Awards of Excellence competition. Results of this contest will be announced Friday, July 15th at NAHRO's Summer Conference in San Francisco.

FUN PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN HELP PREPARE OUR YOUNGEST RESIDENTS FOR SCHOOL AND READING

Parents, early childhood literacy begins you. In recognition of this fact, Norfolk Public Library now offers a variety of fun programs to help children and their parents develop early literacy skills.

This year, library employees began transforming the Norfolk public libraries to kid friendly havens that offer interactive toys, exciting workshops for parents and their children, and unique programs that teach parents how to use stories, drama, toys, and crafts to prepare their children for reading.

Current research has proven that parents play a critical role in a child's ability to develop language and early literacy skills beginning at birth. To help parents in their role as their children's first and most important teacher, NPL has established these exciting programs:

- **Babygarten:** This program is like kindergarten for babies. The program helps parents understand the complex and exciting nature of infant development and places special emphasis on language development and how it contributes to pre-literacy. It provides experiences that help babies become good learners.
- **1, 2, 3 Grow with Me.** This workshop is designed to give parents the opportunity to spend time with their toddlers ages 1-3 years, in an educational and creative environment filled with toys and play equipment. It is an informal five-week workshop, staffed with friendly knowledgeable library, healthcare and education resource professionals who circulate amongst the group and talk to parents one on one. Each week a different subject of interest to parents will be featured
- **Every Child Ready to Read- an Early Literacy Series for Parents.** This program is designed for parents of youngsters in three groups: Pre-Talkers, Talkers and Pre-Readers. It offers each group one 90-minute session: Rhyming Leads to Reading, Story Sharing, and Alphabet Time.

- **Reading Rockets.** WHRO provides generous support for this program that encourages parents to help their children soar to new reading heights. Parents explore the stages of reading that every child from preschool through third grade encounters. Sessions include: Growing a Reader, The Roots of Literacy, Talk is Powerful-Reading As Dialogue, Reading Together, Authors & Illustrators
- **Motheread/Fatheread** This program utilizes children's books and adult poems as the basis for instruction. It encourages parents to read by teaching them how to understand literature in the context of their own lives. They will also discover how reading together and talking about what they've read can strengthen family ties and help children become better readers and learners. Motheread is a nationally recognized, award-winning program.

For more information on early literacy programs or other youth programs at the library, visit NPL's web site at www.npl.lib.va.us or call the Library's Youth Services Department at 664-7323 ext. 43748. All library programs are free and open to the public.

UPDATE: REPORTED STREET LIGHTING AND UNDERGROUND CABLE FAILURE

During the past 12 months, approximately 125 locations citywide experienced underground cable failures that resulted in non-operational streetlights. The City has discussed the situation with Dominion Virginia Power and in mid-February, Dominion Power hired an outside contractor to assist in repairing the failed underground cables. Contractors have been tasked to repair all failed cable and restore service by working daily on this problem until resolved. Within the last 45 days, 112 sites have been restored. Dominion Power plans to keep this contractor "active" until no backlog is reported. The contractor will be kept on retainer in case new locations are identified.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FORMULA TO FOCUS ON AREAS WITH HIGHER THREAT?

This week there was a policy debate in the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee on homeland security funding. The Senate Committee proposed shifting funds to those regions with higher risks. This is significant because Senate leaders have recognized that funding over the last couple of years has had disproportionate amounts on a per capita basis going to areas with lower risk assessments such as Wyoming. Virginia may expect some increased funding if the proposal is accepted in the appropriations bill which will be reported in early fall.

WORLD CHANGERS COMES TO NORFOLK

World Changers construction coordinators were in town on Thursday to assess properties for a future project. This organization, as you are aware, provides participants with a “hands-on” involvement in the community through home renovation work for low-income residents. Their focus is to “change the life of the participants by giving them an opportunity to change someone else’s world.” Begun in 1989, World Changers has now enlisted more than 125,000 participants who have repaired over 8000 homes in 400 communities in the United States and around the world.

World Changers first came to Norfolk in 1998. Since then they have worked on 183 different houses (some multiple times) at a total cost to the City of approximately \$500,000. This has resulted in an average cost per home of \$2,700, which is slightly lower than the World Changers estimate of \$3,000 per home. These volunteers have contributed over 100,000 hours of labor, which is valued at over \$2 million – 4 times the actual cost of materials.

This year, the neighborhoods of Berkley and Campostella are being added to the seven original neighborhoods of Ballentine, Coleman Place, Estabrook, Fairmount Park, Lindenwood, Norview, and Sewells Gardens. Close to 25% of the homes which will receive work this summer are from these two new neighborhoods.



The next major World Changers project in Norfolk is scheduled for June 18 – 25, 2005. At that time, they will bring close to 400 participants to work on approximately 30 homes. A related small project, with about 60 participants is scheduled for July 24 – 30. There will be a follow-up project October 5 - 8 whose primary focus will be to complete any work left from the summer and to pick up smaller jobs on other homes.

NOAA/MEXICAN NAVY SHIP EXCHANGE

Fest Events is coordinating the logistics related to the official turn over of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ship Whiting to the Mexican Navy on April 27th at the Otter Berth at Waterside. Ownership is being transferred to assist the Mexican Navy in conducting hydrographic surveys in Mexico.

A number of Mexican officials, Ambassadors, Admirals, and ship Captains will attend this ceremony. In addition, officials from NOAA and the United States Department of Commerce will represent the US at this event. Please note that the event will take place on both sides of the Otter Berth at Waterside where whips will be docked from April 27th until April 29th. The marina operator has made provisions with the Spirit of Norfolk to relocate temporarily during this time period.

TSUNAMI ALERTS FOR THE EAST COAST

The East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico now have their own set of tsunami warning products. Tsunami watches and warnings will be similar to those already implemented in Alaska and the West Coast and contain information such as earthquake epicenters, estimated time of arrival for waves and flood risk. The National Weather Service West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, Ala. will be the source of the alerts, which will then be broadcast by local NWS Forecast offices via NOAA Weather Radio and the Emergency Alert System.

CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES NEW CITY POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR 2004

The United States Census yesterday released new census estimates. As has happened before, the estimates released prior to 2004 have been adjusted. The new 2004 estimate is 237,835, a gain of nearly 300 persons. The population changes that have occurred since 2000 are small percentage-wise. It should be kept in mind that these are estimates based on modeling and not actual head counts.

Staff from the Department of Planning did an analysis which indicates that our population's growth rate is greatly affected by the city's revitalization activities. The number of housing units demolished by developers in 2004 was a significant increase from earlier years (averaging 300 units demolished per year versus 1,006 in 2004).

The 2004 population estimate reflects several major redevelopment projects that are currently underway. During 2004, the 1,006 housing units demolished included 247 units of Bolling Square Apartments near ODU to make way for two new projects – a condominium project by Arthur Collins and the new Saint Patrick Catholic Elementary School. In addition, there were 544 public housing units demolished in Roberts Park and Bowling Park, in the area which is the Broad Creek Renaissance development. New housing construction has begun in these areas, but will take time for final buildout. We will also continue to see some population replacement attributable to the new residential development in the Downtown area and in some areas of Ocean View.

Table 1: Annual Estimates of the Population for Selected Cities & Counties of Virginia: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004							
Geographic Area	Population estimates					April 1, 2000	
	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	Estimates base	Census
Virginia	7,459,827	7,365,284	7,273,572	7,185,522	7,104,033	7,079,030	7,078,515
Chesapeake	214,725	209,945	205,533	203,022	200,364	199,184	199,184
Norfolk	237,835	237,547	238,343	233,453	234,041	234,403	234,403

Portsmouth	99,291	99,112	99,369	99,631	100,414	100,565	100,565
Suffolk	76,586	73,423	69,821	66,662	64,217	63,677	63,677
Virginia Beach	440,098	436,029	430,909	427,811	426,380	425,257	425,257
Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau							
Release Date: April 14, 2005							

CITY UPDATES

BOTANICAL GARDEN

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Who wants to be inside all summer long? Stroll out to the Garden, smell the roses, even deadhead a few! For more information on volunteering, please call Debra Burrell, Volunteer Services Manager at 757-441-5830 ext. 327.

SPECIAL EVENTS: SUMMER CAMP

Monday through Friday - June 27th – September 2nd

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

14 & older

Nothing to do while school's out this summer? We've got hot opportunities that are much cooler than being cooped up inside all day! Help our campers with crafts and activities, escort them on boat and tram trips, and serve snacks. Volunteer for a week at a time or a few days each week -- we'll work with your schedule. A current background check and TB test are required.

HISTORY ALIVE!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - September 30th, October 1st and 2nd

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Greet visitors, give directions, and tell our guests about all the exciting activities taking place in the Garden – from every era. Volunteers who enjoy getting up with

the sun can bring our enactors coffee and ice. Sign up for one day, two days, or all three!

ONGOING: GARDENING ASSISTANT

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – Noon or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Have you outgrown your own yard? Want to share or show off your green thumb? Come out and garden in our big backyard! We've got 155 acres and could use your helping hand. No experience necessary, you'll learn as you grow.

FRONT DESK ASSISTANT

7 days a week

9:00 a.m. – Noon, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you like the Garden? How about putting the two together and helping visitors have a great experience while they're here? We're looking for friendly people to help at our busy front desk. Must have energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of smiles.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Ongoing, weekdays during business hours

Want to be surrounded by the scenery of the Garden, but would rather work with inside? You don't need a green thumb to help our Garden grow! You can also help with memberships, phone calls, paperwork and more. Our Marketing, Development, Education and other departments need volunteers, too.

CITY COUNCIL

OTHER ACTIONS

- Council accepted and appropriated \$202,300 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and allocated \$86,700 in local funds to purchase equipment for Norfolk Fire-Rescue.
- Accepted a Homeland Security Grant Award of \$759,512.75 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for the acquisition of equipment, training, planning and exercises for first responders to prepare to prevent, respond and recover from potential acts of terrorism.
- Approved a resolution requesting the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority to investigate expansion of the Greater Wards Corner Corridor which includes the Denby Park, Monticello Village and Oakdale Farms neighborhoods for potential redevelopment and/or conservation efforts and prepare plans if appropriate.

- Accepted a Citizen Corp Grant Award of \$21,000 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to fund the development of citizen preparedness programs in Norfolk
- Approved an agreement with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to conduct a regional architectural survey of Sears Kit Houses and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the sum of \$2,000 for such purposes.
- Accepted two grant awards from the Virginia Department of Transportation totaling \$350,000. The funds awarded are taken from the state's allocation of TEA-21 Transportation Enhancement Program funds and are designated to fund continued development of the Elizabeth River Trail. A contract has been developed by the Department of Public Works that is ready for extension of the trail along Redgate Avenue between its western terminus and Orapax Street where the trail presently stops.
- Approved \$1,800,000 to complete the installation of new sound, lighting, hoist and noise abatement systems at SCOPE. The original bids received for this project exceeded funds available. \$400,000 comes from the Public Amenities escrow account and \$1.4 million in unspent funds from prior years' budget authorizations that were originally intended for Civic Facilities site development and acquisition. (To date, the property for which these funds were previously approved has not been made available for sale. Although we will continue to try to negotiate the purchase of the property for which these funds were originally intended, it is likely to be long-term process. As a result, these funds can be used now for SCOPE improvements. It will be necessary to identify funding for the property acquisition when it becomes available).
- City Council appropriated grant funds totaling \$49,226,212 to the School Board to support construction and renovation programs, Title I Programs, Child Nutrition Services and other services.
- Approved an ordinance permitting the Crispus Attucks Theater located on the northeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Church Street to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Norfolk, 1992, to allow eating establishments as a permitted use and to allow eating and drinking establishments by special exception at 1006 Church Street.
- Approved an Ordinance authorizing the City as administrative and fiscal agent for the Norfolk Eligible Metropolitan Area under Title I of the Ryan White Comprehensive Aids Resources Emergency Act to accept grant funds up to the amount of \$5,168,622 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for HIV/AIDS health and support services and appropriating and authorizing expenditure of the grant funds.
- Approved an ordinance approving the First Amendment to Docking Agreement with Rover Marine, Inc.; authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the city; and authorizing the expenditure of a sum of up to \$100,000 from funds heretofore appropriated, for certain improvements to facilitate relocation of the docking area.

- Adopted an ordinance approving the donation of a City of Norfolk surplus fire command vehicle to the Town of Exmore, Virginia.
- Denied a request granting a special exception to operate a solid waste transfer station on property located at 508 East Indian River Road.
- Approved an ordinance to change the names of Ella Fitzgerald Drive, Glenn Miller Lane, Mangus Lane, Cab Callaway Drive, Jimmy Reed Street and Carmichael Avenue located in the Broad Creek Renaissance, Phases IIA-1, IIA-2, and III, Development Project to Herbert Collins Way, Joseph Green Lane, John Foster Lane, Joe Austin Drive, Johnnie Branch Street, and Woodland Avenue, respectively.
- Approved an ordinance approving the terms and conditions of a ten-year lease agreement between the City of Norfolk and American Real Estate Holdings Limited Partnership for a certain parcel of property known as the Ames Building located at 201 East Little Creek Road in the City of Norfolk for city offices and facilities, appropriating and authorizing inclusion in the FY '06 Budget of \$463,500 for partial payment of the first year's rent and authorizing the execution and implementation of the attached lease agreement.
- Authorized the operation and maintenance of a cultural center located in a historic structure and landmark known as the Selden Arcade located at 200 East Main Street and appropriating and authorizing \$250,000 for a loan.
- City Council approved an amendment to the General Plan of Norfolk, 1992, so as to change the land use designation for property located at 5100 East Virginia Beach Boulevard from Industrial/Transportation/Utility to Institutional. Requested by Union Mission.
- City Council accepted a \$261,478 grant from the Virginia, Department of Social Services, for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, is hereby approved. These funds are appropriated for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, if and when made available from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services. A local cash match in the amount of \$29,054 in previously appropriated funds is hereby authorized to be expended for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program from the Department of Human Services. Eleven programs are recommended for continuation funding. These are:
 - Healthy Families' program (operated by the Norfolk Health Department) whose goal is to reduce child abuse by intervening with high-risk families identified by local hospitals;
 - Parental Reunification program (operated under contract) which provides assessments of the parenting capabilities of parents seeking the return of their children from foster care;
 - Home Based program (operated under contract) which provides intensive home based services for high-risk families;

- Parenting program (operated under contract) which provides parenting skills training to families to prevent out of home placements;
- Family Preservation Program (operated by the Department of Human Services) which provides transportation for homeless families to reside with relatives and temporary emergency shelter services for homeless families with children at risk of foster care placement;
- Adoption program (operated under contract) to provide services designed to encourage more adoption out of the foster care system;
- Time Limited Reunification program (operated under contract) which provides assessments of the mental health needs of the parents of a child placed in foster care;
- Substance Abuse Assessment Services program (operated under contract) which provides substance abuse assessments for the parent of a child placed in foster care;
- Psychiatric Assessment program (operated under contract) which provides psychiatric evaluation for both the children who have been placed in foster care and their parents;
- Guided Visitation program (operated under contract) which provides supervised visitation services for a foster child and their family working toward reunification;
- Outpatient Substance Abuse program for substance exposed infants, to provide comprehensive outpatient substance abuse treatment, including day care, parenting classes for substance abusers and transportation to and from any of these services and activities.

DEVELOPMENT

Authorization of Payments to the Economic Development Authority for the Expansion of the United States Gypsum Company Manufacturing Plant. City Council approved two ordinances authorizing payments up to an aggregate amount of \$8,215,000 to the Economic Development Authority to induce the United States Gypsum Company to make a capital investment of not less than \$132,000,000 and accepting and appropriating \$4,700,000 from United States Gypsum Company to enable the City of Norfolk to make improvements to the stormwater system.

The annual grant payments will be subject to annual appropriation by City Council. The grant is also pursuant to a cooperation agreement between the City and the Economic Development Authority. The Commonwealth of Virginia has agreed to provide an additional \$500,000 in state VIP funding and will assist with workforce services.

The \$132,000,000 investment by United States Gypsum Company will increase capacity from 260 million square feet (MMSF) to a minimum of 720 MMSF annually. The grant helps assure the expansion and continuation of one of the largest manufacturers

in the City, creates 25 permanent new jobs and generates significant increases in annual local taxes.

FACILITY AND ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT

Schooner Virginia Project—Additional Grant from the Commonwealth—TEA 21.

The Schooner Virginia is being constructed on our waterfront by the Virginia Marine Heritage Foundation. In the past the City has authorized and applied for a grant from the Department of Transportation, TEA-21, in the amount of \$500,000 with the Foundation providing matching funds. That grant did pass through the City of Norfolk and we have an Agreement with the Foundation for it to have access to the grant and carry out the grants requirements.

City Council authorized acceptance of another \$500,000 from the Department of Transportation. As with the last grant the City will enter into an Agreement with the Foundation for them to carry out the terms of the grant. The Foundation is providing the match for the grant for the grant without additional funds from the City.

City Council also authorized \$100,000 as local match funding for the project.

HUMAN SERVICES

Life After Foster Care. The Department of Human Services, in partnership with Norfolk State University and WHRO-TV 15, is presenting a series of programs to expand public awareness about the emotional and financial challenges that face our foster children as they move into adulthood.

“Aging Out of Foster Care” is the subject of May’s *Human Services Forum*, the department’s half-hour informational program hosted by Jan Callaghan. *Human Services Forum* can be viewed daily on TV 48, WGBS Channel 7, and online at www.norfolk.gov/tv48

On May 25 from noon to 1:00pm, 89.5 WHRV-FM’s top-rated show, *Hearsay*, foster parents, foster children, and social workers in Hampton Roads offer their perspectives on the challenges for foster children as they grow up and out of the system.

On Thursday, May 26 at 10 p.m., the PBS documentary “Aging Out” chronicles the daunting obstacles that three foster teens encounter as they learn to fend for themselves.

Coming up in June on *Human Services Forum*. Food Stamps in the 21st Century. *Human Services Forum* brings you the latest about the USDA’s Food Stamp Program: electronic debit cards, new online applications and nutrition classes, as well as fresh ideas about where to redeem your Food Stamp benefits. *Human Services Forum* can be viewed daily on TV 48, WGBS Channel 7, and online at www.norfolk.gov/tv48

Human Services Forum. Tune in, get the facts and get involved!

FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENT TRAINING CLASSES

The Norfolk Department of Human Services is seeking Foster and Adoptive families to provide children in crisis with a warm, stable, and loving home. Our curriculum for pre-service foster parent training incorporates both foster and adoptive instruction, so that all parents receive dual certification. The state-mandated P.R.I.D.E. (Parent Resources for Information, Development, & Education) training program is a model of practices, geared toward five competencies:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing development delays
- Supporting relationships between children and their families
- Helping children to develop safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
- Working as a member of a professional team

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, please call Nancy Brock, P.R.I.D.E. Coordinator, at 757-664-6079 for details. Additional information about foster and adoptive parenting may also be viewed online at: www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PLAYS HOST TO CHINESE DELEGATION

On May 3, 2005, a 14-member delegation from the Hunan Province spent the day with Human Services staff to observe the American system of public assistance and social services. The visitors were enthusiastic and keenly interested in the agency's group intake process by which clients apply for public benefits. The day's activities also included a tour of the Norfolk Juvenile Detention Center and a brief visit to City Hall and a city council session.

The delegation, made up of senior executive officers with Hunan's provincial government, are visiting the United States to learn more about American experiences in public administration, public affairs, and business consulting services for entrepreneurs and small business owners. The executives were in Norfolk as part of a three-month training program at Old Dominion University.

ELIGIBILITY WORKERS APPRECIATION MONTH

During Eligibility Worker Appreciation Month in Virginia, NDHS honored the dedication and hard work of our Self-Sufficiency and Workforce Development staff by issuing a special proclamation, read by Director N. Clark Earl, and providing a continental breakfast at each of the agency's six locations.

Self-Sufficiency and Workforce Development makes up nearly two-thirds of the agency's workforce and is represented in a variety of program areas: Benefits; Intake and Outgoing; Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW); Fraud; Child Care; Homeless Action Response Team (HART); the Customer Service Center; and outstation workers.

Eligibility workers man the front lines at the Department of Human Services, interviewing citizens to determine if they qualify for programs such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), and Child Care.

Staff must deal effectively with people in crisis on a daily basis, and be adept at handling complaints and working with many different kinds of people. They must also excel at record keeping, adhere to strict guidelines, and stay abreast of numerous policy changes.

LIBRARIES

Used Books On Sale Every Day at Van Wyck Branch Library

How about a couple of Janet Evanovich, Sue Grafton, or Ann Rivers Siddons for the beach at 2 for \$1.00? What about rare 33 1/3 albums of bird songs for \$1.00? Need to fill in your collection of the Left Behind series by LeHaye? Then check out the ongoing used book sale at Van Wyck Branch Library. The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library's Corner Booksale opened in March. Hardcover versions of recent best sellers, paperback novels, Civil War histories, children's books, videos and audiobooks can also be found at bargain basement prices. Special offerings will be spotlighted.

Proceeds from the Friends' sale help the library purchase equipment, sponsor programs, and supplement the materials budget. If this Van Wyck project is a success, the library and the Friends hope to launch ongoing book sales at other NPL locations. Van Wyck Branch Library is located at 1368 DeBree Avenue. Call 441-2844 for more information.

Barron F. Black Homework Centers Summer Hours

Beginning Wednesday, June 1, the Barron F. Black Homework Center's hours will change for the summer. The summer hours of operation are:

Monday 2 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Tues-Fri Noon- 5 p.m.
Sat-Sun Closed

The library will resume its regular hours on Tuesday, September 6. Barron F. Black Homework Center is located at 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. For more information, call 441-5806.

Summer in the CityRead

Don't be bored this summer. Join a Norfolk Public Library summer reading club. There is a club for children, teens, and one for adults. Books read to a child also count, so even toddlers can join.

Read good books, win prizes, and experience over 100 free programs. See a magic show, talk to an author, and learn how to make puppets in one of our puppet workshops.

The fun begins June 19. However, if you don't have time to stop in the library to pick up your log, then go to www.npl.lib.va.us to download what you need to get started or to obtain detailed program information. If you have questions, call the Youth Services Department at 664-7323 ext. 47348.

FUNtastic Summer Reading Club. Looking for something cool to do this summer? Join the FUNtastic Reading Club at the Norfolk Public Library. Sign up at your local library and read the books you like, earn prizes and participate in loads of cool programs. Programs begin June 19 and run through August 27. It's all happening this summer at the Norfolk Public Library. For more information visit www.npl.lib.va.us or call 757-664-7323. Free

Summer in the City...Read. Join us for the 2005 Adult Summer Reading Club! Reading or listening to audio books will earn entries in prize drawings held at each Norfolk library at the end of the summer. The program starts June 17 and runs through August 27. Summer in the City...Read kicks off with a party on Friday, June 17 from noon to 3:00 p.m. The party will be held on the square in front of the MacArthur Memorial downtown Norfolk and will feature entertainment and giveaways. Please join us and bring your lunch! Sign up for the club at the party or at your closest Norfolk public library. For more information visit www.npl.lib.va.us or call 757-664-7323. Free



SRC Kickoff: Young Audiences Present Harold Wood's "Circus in a Suitcase."

2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 25. Harold Wood, entertainer extra-ordinaire, is an award winning magician, juggler, and speaker. His "Circus in a Suitcase," brought to us by Young Audiences of Virginia, will have you howling. Join us for an afternoon of fun. Help us kickoff our Summer Reading Club with this awesome entertainer! Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842. Free

2nd Annual Olympics and Lunch. 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 28. Join us for games of skill and games of chance. A few new challenges have been added this year. Bring a bag lunch and eat on the library lawn afterwards. Age Groups: Family. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335. Free

1,2,3 Grow With Me, A Parent-Child Workshop. 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Play with your child in this fun, interactive program for children ages 1-3 and their parents. Lots of toys, an art activity and circle time are included. An early childhood expert will join the group each week. Registration required. Call 664-7323 ext 43748. Age Groups: Babies, Toddlers. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323. Free

Puppet Making Workshops. 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 14, 21, 28. Make a variety of simple puppets this month. ADVANCE SIGN UP IS REQUIRED. Each program is limited to 15 children, please sign up for only one session. Age Groups: School Age. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660. Free

Meet the Author - Sammie Garnett. 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 13. Anchors away! Sammie Garnett is a Navy wife, mom, teacher of the year, skydiver, white-water rafter, and American patriot. When she's not having adventures or volunteering, she enjoys writing books for children. Meet Mrs. Garnett and listen as she tells about her experiences co-authoring her first book "U.S. Navy Alphabet Book" with award-winning author, Jerry Pallotta. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Age Groups: Family. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323. Free

The Stevens Puppets with Puppeteer Dan Raynor Present Alladin. 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 21. This show is filled with humor and dramatic effects that makes a spectacular marionette production of this classic tale. Age Groups: Preschool. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844. Free

Lafayette's Family Night - Nauticus Presents "Cool Science!" 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 21. How much fun can you have while learning about awesome subjects like elasticity, thermal expansion, sublimation, and evaporation? Well, tons if you catch our evening of magical science with a museum educator from Nauticus. We'll be discovering the coolest things about science you never knew! You'll not want to miss this impressive

event! Refreshments are provided. Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842. Free

NAUTICUS

Nauticus, The National Maritime Center's Junior Scientist Club with Norfolk Public Schools Awarded \$10,000 Grant and Given Award for Environmental Excellence.

Nauticus, The National Maritime Center was recently awarded the 2005 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens/FujiFilm Environmental Excellence Award and a \$10,000 grant for its Junior Scientist Club program. The Junior Scientist Club was developed in 1999 as a pilot after-school program for the Norfolk Public School District. Nauticus developed activities that reinforced Science Standards of Learnings that students learned in school. The Junior Scientist Club works with at-risk middle school students.

As described by Martin Fisher, Director of Education at Nauticus, "The club is a wonderful partnership between a hands-on science center and a public school district. The union is the product of educators working together. We meet the common goals of presenting students with vibrant, meaningful experiences in science."

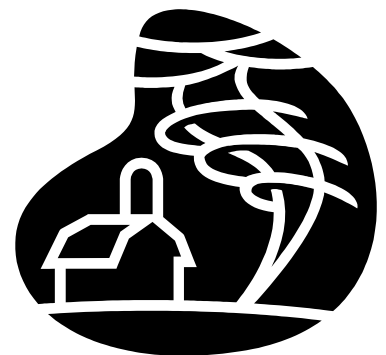
Club members investigate the health of the Elizabeth River and the local oyster populations by learning how to conduct scientific research. The youth monitor their own oyster float, care for the spat, screen for disease and parasites, and release their cultured oysters on a nearby reef. The club members also developed their own story-board exhibits and Power Point presentations in order to educate The National Maritime Center visitors and the students at their schools. "The kids learn valuable skills of scientific research in the lab and the field, and they are taught public speaking skills," states Fisher regarding the benefits of the program.

According to the National Geographic Society, "The Junior Scientist Club of the National Maritime Center and Norfolk Public Schools is an outstanding example of a program that helps increase student's awareness of environmental issues and concerns. This award-winning program is designed to encourage students to improve their academic performance, increase their interest in science, engineering, technology, education, and museum management. We commend these young scientists for turning their attention to the health of the Elizabeth River and the Chesapeake Bay."

POWERS OF NATURE - COMING THIS SUMMER!

June 2, 2005 through January 2, 2006

Explore the earthshaking and earth-shaping events our world experiences everyday. Learn what happens when different forces of nature interact. Encounter the relationship between the Earth and its atmosphere. Tensions - between rising, hot air and falling, cold air;



between the Earth's shifting plates; and from magma rising beneath the Earth's crust - give way to a weather-making machine producing wind, clouds, heat, rain and electricity, as well as earthquakes and volcanoes.

Exhibit Highlights

Activities

Giant plasma tube—Touch a large glass tube and watch blue bolts of electricity appear, demonstrating how lightning is attracted to humans.

Tornado shelter—Climb into a basement shelter to hear and feel a tornado roll overhead.

Temperature probe—Learn how deserts, forests, oceans and polar ice caps absorb and reflect sunlight in different ways by pointing a temperature probe at panels of steel, painted wood, terra cotta, aluminum, plywood and enamel tile.

P-3 Orion cockpit—Sit inside the actual-size cockpit of the signature aircraft of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, used to study hurricanes and other severe storms. A short film takes you into the eye of a hurricane and explores the special features that enable this plane to withstand such turbulent journeys.

Wind curving dome—This globe-shaped device contains fluid that shows how winds curve around Earth as it spins, affecting global weather patterns.

Measuring hurricanes—Use the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale—which incorporates barometric pressure, wind speed and storm surge—to examine photographs of hurricanes Andrew and Gilbert and rank their severity.

Earthquake table—Use blocks to try to build an earthquake-proof house, then see how it withstands a simulated quake on a table that vibrates at three different speeds.

Create an earthquake—Jump on a target to create shock waves and register your own earthquake on a seismograph. Then compare the results to real earthquakes.

Global puzzle—Learn about Earth's plate tectonics.

Forecasting computer game—Satellite, radar and lightning data are incorporated into this interactive game. Visitors may make recommendations to a weather person, who responds with tips to improve their forecasting ability.

Weather map—Make your own weather map with magnetic symbols that represent fronts, pressures, precipitation and other weather conditions.

Winds and snowdrifts—Adjust a moveable fan in a case filled with sand to see how changes in wind direction create snowdrifts.

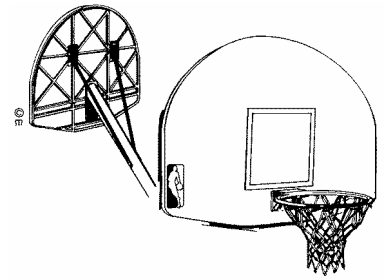
Touch and take snowflake—Make crayon rubbings of etchings in the shapes of different snowflake crystals.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Renovated Ballentine Basketball Courts Ready for Spring Play.

The newly renovated Ballentine Basketball Courts are ready for spring play. The \$161,000 Neighborhood & Leisure Services and Public Works project provides two (2) regulation courts (84ft. X 50ft. each) with striping in accordance with U.S. Basketball Association specifications including three point lines, five-second lines, and team boxes. There is also a new practice court. The courts have an applied acrylic surface material similar to that of a tennis court covered with orange and blue painted asphalt. The entire area around the courts has been re-graded and provided with new drainage. The courts also feature six (6) full-sized clear acrylic backboards, new landscaping, bleachers, and drinking fountains.



Northside Park Softball Program. In support of the softball leagues and many tournaments put on at Northside Park, the City is removing the old press boxes, refurbishing the dugouts and adding some storage capacity for the fields. The City is working on future phases of renovations to further enhance our capacity to support the softball program and the desire to increase the number of softball tournaments within the City.

GO TEAMS!!! Boo Williams and NLS AAU Girls Basketball Teams Accomplishments

- Norfolk's Xpress AAU Girls Basketball teams have done an outstanding job representing the city in tournaments that were held this spring throughout the State.
- The 10U team placed 3rd in the state tournament which was held in Roanoke, VA; and the win will qualify them for the national tournament to be held in Orlando, FL from June 26-July 4.
- The 11U team placed 4th in their state tournament which was held in Stafford, VA. This win qualifies them for the national tournament to be held in Nashville, TN from July 15-22.
- The 12U Division I team placed third in their state tournament that was held in Harrisonburg, VA, also qualifying them for the national championship to be held in Amarillo, TX from July 1-9.
- The 12U Division II team placed 1st in their tournament that was held in Bristol, VA and they will represent the State of Virginia in the national championships to be held in Nashville, TN from July 15-22.

- And the 14U Division I team upset the Virginia Beach Redtides to finish 2nd in the state tournament that was held in Prince William, VA. This win will qualify them for the national championships to be held in Roanoke Valley, VA from July 22- 29.
- The Xpress teams have worked very hard exhibiting total dedication to the city, league and their team. They are all excited about the national championships and are working hard to finance the trips through fund raising projects, donations and sponsorships.
- Their motto: **Hard work, No excuses!**

The annual Youth Basketball Championships were held at Booker T. Washington High School on March 26, with over 1,000 people in attendance at this event which showcased the Boys and Girls Midget (ages 10-12), Bantam (ages 13-14), Junior (ages 14-16), and Senior Divisions (ages 16-18). There were over 170 teams registered this season.

March 19th was the 6th Annual Adult Men's All-Star game at Booker T. Washington High School and there was a tribute to Arland "Ollie" Haynes who was a staunch advocate for adult basketball in this city. Many of the young men who play or coach in this league were tutored by "Ollie". The Suffolk adult team played a great game right down to the wire!! We also had a 3-point contest that consisted of players from many Norfolk Public School Girls and Boys Varsity teams. This was a family friendly event!!

Recreation Centers Springtime Highlights

Fairlawn Recreation Center

Bike and Scooter Safety Program. Over 300 people attended a recent Bike and Scooter Safety Program. The Norfolk Police Department registers the bikes and held a bike safety course for the participants. More than 150 participants received free helmets as they enjoyed an art tent, helmet fixing tent, bike repair tent, active games, as well as a two mile fun ride through the neighborhood.

Southside Senior Center Highlights

On April 12, 2005 42 seniors went on a trip to Dover Downs, Delaware. Continental breakfast was served on departure, games and prizes were played aboard the motor coach.

Merrimack Landing Recreation Center

- A huge Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 26, welcoming over 100 participants including several families. The Teen Club managed the games, hid the eggs and helped sponsor the Hunt. This event highlighted the responsibility and enthusiasm of the commendable members of the Teen Club.

Ingleside Recreation Center

- Children's Spring Break Pizza Party, sponsored by the Ingleside Advisory Board was held on April 1. Activities included food, drinks, musical chairs and a dance contest that kept 29 youth and four adults busy and happy.

Annual NLS "Clean-Up" Day a HUGE Success. Recreation Center staff and participants convened in the early hours on Saturday morning, April 9 to clean-up designated areas around the city. Over 509 bags of garbage were collected with 232 adults and 314 children under the age of 18 diligently working through the day. A picnic culminated the workday, as folks shared stories and camaraderie. The grand prize winner of the cleanup is Tarrallton Recreation Center with 151 bags of garbage and 218 participants. Merrimac came in second place with 46 bags of trash and 18 volunteers.

Titustown Visual Arts Features Periodic Web Page Updates. The Titustown Visual Arts Center reminds residents to periodically view the Visual Arts' web page to find information on upcoming exhibitions and class schedules.

<http://www.norfolk.gov/Neighborhoods/Recreation/VisualArts.asp>

The Heartbeat of Norfolk – Volunteers. Many centers paid special honor to the many volunteers that help the city's recreational activities flow seamlessly within Norfolk communities.

- Norview Center held a social for 20 youth and teen volunteers on April 21st. The guests were treated to food, drinks, music and games.
- The Merrimack Center decorated and showcased the volunteer recognition bulletin board and on April 20th held a social to thank many of the center's 18 regular volunteers.
- Fairlawn - Volunteer Day honored the center's steadfast volunteers with a fabulous turkey dinner and a huge "Thanks" for all the unselfish hard work they do during the year.

Therapeutic Recreation News. Donations from a California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) fundraiser in early May will be used to offset some of the set-up and operating costs of the "Day for the disABLED" which will be held on Saturday, May 28 at the Virginia Zoo from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This daylong event is free to persons with disabilities and their caregivers. The day will be filled with activities, information, games, wheelchair

basketball, food and entertainment. For the FUNdraising coupons or information on the “Day for the disABLED,” please contact Therapeutic Recreation at 441-1764.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Eighth Annual Youth Leadership. The Eighth Annual Hampton Roads Youth Leadership Conference was held in April at Norfolk State University. The day featured exciting workshops, entertainment, information tables, food and more. The successful gathering welcomed over 300 youths and adults. The planning committee, that consists of representatives from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia, Neighborhood and Leisure Services-Division of Youth Development, Urban League of Hampton Roads and others, will be reconvening within the next few weeks to review participant evaluations of the overall outcome of the conference and its impact, and other logistical matters in preparation for next years’ event.

Norfolk Youth Council Meeting. On Saturday, April 16, the Norfolk Youth Council conducted their monthly meeting at City Hall, 10th floor conference room. The meeting featured a few regional youth groups that included Virginia Beach’s Youth Leaders in Action, Norfolk’s Children of the Sun, and Norfolk’s Teen Cultural Committee among others. There was plenty of positive dialogue that ranged from issues concerning bullying in schools to career aspirations. The Norfolk Youth Council invites seventh through eleventh grade students to apply for membership and performs such functions as exploring issues affecting City government and determined their impact on youth, and encouraging local youth to actively participate in community affairs and matters of concern to the City.

Career Day Presentation. In April, members of the Development of Youth Development (DYD) team conducted a presentation on setting career goals at the Bayside Middle School in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The DYD team talked with a group of eighth graders about the important steps to pursuing higher education or enrolling in a trade or technology school as they prepare to enter high school and eventually graduate. Students received valuable information and insight that included ten steps to plan a career, staying focused on academics, building character to help one develop into a positive and marketable individual, and avoiding negative peer pressure. The presentation was well received.

Promoting Safe Workplaces Through Youth Development. Youth workforce development programs recognize the invaluable experience employment can provide to youth — the opportunity to gain new skills, explore career opportunities, contribute to

academic education, earn spending money, and enhance self esteem and personal responsibility.

What many work-readiness programs do not recognize is the opportunity they have to help youth learn what to expect on the job in terms of workplace safety – both their own and their employer’s responsibilities. This training can protect youth from injury as they enter the workforce, as well as prepare them to be the proactive problem-solvers employers seek.

Unfortunately, many youth enter the workplace without this information, and a significant number of them are injured on the job. To read more visit

<http://www.youngworkers.org>. *By Robin Dewey, Christine Miara, and Diane Bush, National Young Worker Safety Resource Center*

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Neighborhood University

- Neighborhood University held its Basic Grant Writing course on Monday, April 11th at 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Granby Municipal Building, 400 Granby Street. The next Basic Grant Writing course will be held on Wednesday, September 7th. All Interested persons are encouraged to visit our Division website at www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp and register online for upcoming courses or call the NU Info Line at 441-2400, ext. 232 for details.
- **P.L.A.N.N. is back!** The Division of Neighborhood Services first introduced “Protecting Lives And Norfolk Neighborhoods” (PLANN) to Norfolk residents through Neighborhood University in Spring 2003. Due to hurricane emergencies in late summer of both 2003 and 2004, the course was offered only once in both of those years. PLANN has been scheduled for course enrollment twice this year. To date, a total of 46 citizens have successfully completed PLANN.

Norfolk Neighborhood Pride Tour – “Cultural Extravaganza”

The highly anticipated Norfolk Neighborhood Pride Tour entitled “Cultural Extravaganza” took place Saturday, April 9th. Steve Harper, Assistant Director of Civic Facilities, acted as a special guest tour guide and gave participants a fresh perspective of Norfolk’s many cultural hot-spots, including Chrysler Hall, Wells Theater, Harbor Park and more. At the compliments of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, each tour participant received 2 tickets to the Sunday, April 10th matinee performance, “Piano Passion!” at Chrysler Hall. This Norfolk Neighborhood Pride Tour was sponsored in part by the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the Ocean View Station Museum. Special thanks are extended to our community partners for their support of our Neighborhood Pride Tours. To learn more about future tours, please visit the Division of Neighborhood Services website: www.norfolk.gov/Neighborhoods/Services/PrideTours.asp.

DATE	NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE TOUR
June 11	Cornerstones: Historical Churches
July 9	Visiting a Patriotic Past
August 13	“Tree City” – A Natural Perspective
September 10	Port to Port
October 8	Famous & Mysterious Memorials
November 12	The Downtown Experience

For further details, call our new NU Info Line at 441-2400, Extension 232.

Safety City, Inc. Each year thousands of children across America are injured in traffic-related crashes. Many of these crashes are due to the children's lack of knowledge of the traffic environment.

In order to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries in this area, the Safety City program for school children, primarily those in grades K – 2, was created. Safety City is dedicated to protecting young lives through instruction in the observance of safety rules for pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular travel.

The Safety City staff strives to eliminate child-fatalities and injuries through education and training and to provide the foundation for a safety-conscious adult community. Working to develop new programs and improve existing programs that promote traffic safety, Safety City staff is additionally committed to ensuring that young children experience positive interaction with Law Enforcement officials at an early age.

Norfolk Citizens, from both the private and public sector, who were concerned about children's safety, opened originally opened Safety City in 1970. at Military Circle Mall. Closed in the early 1990's due to mall development, Safety City was re-established in 2003 and located on the grounds of the Norfolk Zoo as the ultimate hands-on child traffic safety learning experience.

Partners in this program include: the Norfolk Police and Sheriff's Departments, Norfolk Public Schools, AAA of Tidewater, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, The Highway Safety Commission, The Virginia Zoo, Norfolk's Department of Public Works, the Norfolk business community, The Norfolk Foundation, the Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues, and other concerned citizens.

World Changers. World Changers homes for the June 18 – 25 projects have been chosen and materials are being ordered. As currently planned, 26 homes will receive assistance, including a record 11 roofs and 4 ramps.

Additionally, the smaller MissionsConnect project, in Norfolk July 22 – 30, will provide assistance to another 6 homes. Almost 25% of the sites between these two projects will be in the newly added neighborhoods of Berkley and Campostella.

Neighborhood Service Centers

➤ **Berkley NSC (664-6450)**

The Berkley NSC is happy to announce the addition of two new community partners at the center, the Hampton Roads African American Sports Hall of Fame (HRAASHF), and the Retired Fraternal Order of the State Police.

➤ **Huntersville NSC (664-7400)**

The Division of Neighborhood Services and HNSC administration have been exploring various ways to improve overall security at the center. As a result, improved lighting and security cameras are being targeted as additional resources to combat exterior loitering problems at the rear of the facility.

➤ **Little Creek NSC (664-6300)**

The Little Creek Neighborhood Service Center was chosen by the Stop Brentwood Head Start for their monthly parent meeting. The group of approximately 35 individuals are working together to plan future events for children in the community.

Neighborhood Service Centers

Each of the neighborhood service centers and the Ocean View Project Team Office participated in the Neighborhood Community Cleanup Project on Saturday, April 9th. Division staff and community leaders partnered with inter-agency partners and civic groups to clean grounds surrounding the neighborhood service centers and other special target areas in communities throughout the City of Norfolk.

Most of the neighborhood cleanup activities were conducted on Saturday, April 9th; however, several cleanups are scheduled later during the month. Specific program activities held at the neighborhood service centers included:

- The Little Creek Neighborhood Service Center and volunteers joined forces for the 5th Annual Neighborhood Cleanup day. Following the cleanup, community volunteers enjoyed appreciation festivities at Lakewood Park. The LCNSC volunteers collected a total of 4 bags of trash surrounding the facility.

- The Berkley NSC Cleanup Project included (2) community cleanup projects. One project included cleaning the grounds surrounding the Berkley Neighborhood Service Center, and the second project involved a major cleanup project by the Southside Coalition and Beacon Light Civic League in cleaning areas throughout Southside. A special cleanup project involved the support of the City of Chesapeake in cleaning areas along the Wilson Road corridor. Volunteers and Division staff cleaning the area surrounding the Berkley Neighborhood Service Center collected a total of 4 bags of trash and debris.
- The Ocean View Project Team Office (OVPT) spearheaded a very successful cleanup project surrounding the Pretty Lake and Safety Building and neighborhood areas. Staff coordinated a team of (10) community volunteers including two military officers in the Navy that were excited about giving back to their communities. The OVPT Office in poor weather conditions picked up a total of 20 bags of trash and cleaned (2) ditch areas in the Ocean View neighborhood.
- The Little Creek Neighborhood Center joined the nation in celebrating the National Public Health Week recognized the first week in April. National Public Health Week began 10 years ago under the direction of former President William Jefferson Clinton in 1995. The Norfolk Public Health Department displayed a large banner at the LCNCS entrance area in recognition of the occasion to highlight to the community the importance of being in good health. Information about healthy living was distributed to visitors during the week.
- The Huntersville and Park Place Neighborhood Service Centers assisted in the neighborhood cleanup by partnering with department's Recreation staff for a joint program effort.

Special thanks are extended from the Division of Neighborhood Services to all our volunteers and staff for their support and efforts in making Norfolk a better place to live, work and play.

For information regarding upcoming program events at any of the Neighborhood Service Center areas, call the following numbers for assistance:

- Berkley NSC ----- 664-6450
- Huntersville NSC ----- 664-7400
- Little Creek NSC ----- 664-6300
- Park Place NSC ----- 664-7500
- Ocean View Project Team Office --- 441-1784

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Special Activities

Neighborhood Preservation Staff cleaned up Monticello Village Park on Saturday, April 9, 2005 in support of the annual Great American Clean-up. Employees that participated in the Park Clean-up included Ralston McInnis, James Arias and Clarence Satchell.

Neighborhood Preservation Division coordinated an Environmental Nuisance Sweep on April 4th thru 6th 2005, in the neighborhoods of Lindenwood, Cottage Heights and Barraud Park. The Sweep included Pace Partners from the Departments of Environmental Health, Zoning, Police and Neighborhood Preservation. The sweep was joint effort among City Departments to remove environmental nuisances that were having a negative impact on the quality of life within these neighborhoods. The Type and number of violations found are as follows:

- Unlicensed / Inoperable Vehicles – 72
- Trash / Junk & Debris - 59
- Parking on the Grass - 10
- Mosquito Breeding - 3
- Collapsed Building - 1
- The total properties cited – 163

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Resolution Requesting NRHA to Study Certain Subdivisions in the Wards Corner Area for Redevelopment/Conservation Eligibility. In December 2004, City Council adopted the Greater Wards Corner Comprehensive Plan prepared by Wallace, Robert and Todd. As a next step, the plan recommends further study of certain subdivisions within the plan study area. The plan identifies physical land use and socioeconomic problems in the Denby Park, Monticello Village and Oakdale Farms neighborhoods that may qualify these communities as redevelopment or conservation areas.

As the first step in this process, City Council adopted a resolution requesting the Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority to conduct a study of existing conditions in these neighborhoods. Funding is currently available to undertake this study. The Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority plans to retain the services of a consultant to conduct this study.

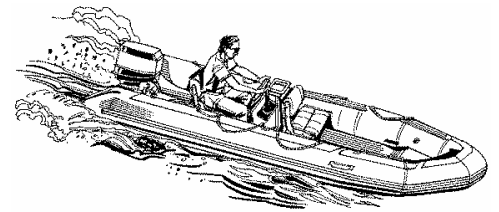
Tidewater Builders Association's "Stanley Award" given to Ctiy building official. The Tidewater Builder's Association (TBA) recently held their annual "Stanley Awards" at the Hilton Oceanfront in Virginia Beach. The "Stanleys" are named for Stanley Waranch, the first president of TBA and are given to individuals and organizations that make outstanding contributions to the local building industry.

This year's recipient of TBA's "Extra Mile" award was Lynn Underwood, City Building Official. The "Extra Mile" award is given to an individual who makes an

extraordinary contribution towards the success of Homearama. Lynn was selected to receive the award based on his “can do” attitude and support of Homearama 2004 in East Beach. Lynn at the ceremony stated that even though this award is only given to one person, it should be noted that Homearama’s success was the result of numerous people performing as a team to “make it happen”. Congratulations to Lynn as well as Building staff for their outstanding contributions to our community.

PROJECT UPDATES

Update On Boat Ramp Projects. The FY 2006 budget includes funding for two boat ramp improvements. These improvements are for the Willoughby Bay or 13th View Boat Ramp and the Haven Creek Boat Ramp. The City has received information that the Army Corp of Engineers will issue a dredging permit within the next 90 days for 13th View Boat Ramp.



Concurrently, the City’s request for a dredging permit is also under review by the Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC).

In the interim, the City is exploring potential partnerships with private boat ramps to facilitate public access to the Bay during the construction phase of the boat ramp projects. Additionally, we are exploring additional parking in order to make an older ramp at Little Creek/Pretty Lake available to boaters. Staff is also undertaking the development of a specific plan to address boat ramp enhancements over the next five years.

RFP issued for central Hampton Boulevard area. The City of Norfolk has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a multi-disciplinary consulting team (urban neighborhood planning, university/city joint venture planning, land use, transportation and economic development strategy experience) to undertake a comprehensive planning process and prepare a strategic plan for the Central Hampton Boulevard Area. Currently, the Central Hampton Boulevard area includes a mix of land uses that are not always compatible. In addition, past development patterns created over decades limit the ability to capture the present and future potential for this area of Norfolk.

The primary outcome of the study is to develop a viable work program that includes market and economic analyses, the preparation of land use and zoning recommendations, design standards, and implementation strategies. RFP responses are due by mid-May, 2005, and will be evaluated by a selection committee. It is anticipated that the study will begin this summer and be completed by March 2006.

Scope Improvements Underway. The \$3.5 million project to replace the interior sports arena lighting and sound system at Scope will begin next month. Contractors will install

new emergency, event, house, and special effect lighting as well as amplifiers, mixing equipment, speakers, and controls.

The lighting system design features a shutter system on each event light that can be programmed to fade, go to black and immediately return to full lights. The new sound system design includes vertical dome and wall baffles to reduce sound reverberation and to improve overall sound quality. There is also a “speaker winch” system to facilitate raising and lowering of the new speaker clusters.

Civic Facilities and Public Works are working together to coordinate the construction schedule with open dates at Scope. The project is set for completion in fall of this year.

Attucks Theatre Landscaping Underway. The installation of the permanent landscaping for the Attucks Theatre is underway and is scheduled for completion this month. As you may recall, Parks and Forestry Staff installed temporary landscaping at the Attucks as a result of the project’s contractor inability to complete the site work (i.e. sidewalk installation, constructing the parking lot, installing exterior lighting) in time for the grand opening ceremonies last year.

Parks and Forestry Staff, which is installing the permanent landscaping, will also maintain the grounds as part of the Downtown Maintenance District. In addition to completion of site work, the new bus shelter that was included as part of the Attucks’ renovation is complete.

Fergus Reid Park Improvements Underway. The City has selected Horizontal Courts, Inc. as the contractor to resurface the clay tennis courts at Fergus Reid Park. The contractor is scheduled to begin work next week. Since the courts will not be in use during the resurfacing, City staff has made contact with civic leagues as well as members of the tennis community to minimize any inconveniences related to this project. Weather permitting, complete refurbishment of the five (5) clay courts is scheduled for one week of the project’s start date.

There are two other improvement projects that will soon be underway at Fergus Reid. The City is in the process of issuing a contract for removing a large portion of the existing fence and over-grown landscaping at the edge of the property. This work is scheduled for completion at the end of May. Second, URS Consulting has been issued a contract for the re-design and renovation of the existing restrooms at the park. The restrooms will undergo an interior facelift with renovations scheduled for completion in summer or early fall.

Planting Project at the Midtown Tunnel Complete. The Midtown Tunnel planting project, which is a partnership between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City has been completed. This beautification project will serve as both a

reforestation project for the area as well as provide ornamental plantings offering seasonal color at this important City gateway.

Funding for the project was provided by VDOT. City staff from the Neighborhood and Leisure Services department developed the landscaping site plan and provided the labor for the project. City crews planted: 350 10-12 foot tall large trees; 500 2-3 foot tall seedlings on the embankments; and 3,500 shrubs and perennials to provide seasonal color.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Environmental Health Division Works Diligently to Provide a Healthy Environment for Norfolk Citizens. During February 2005, 384 food-handlers classes. During March, 14 food service managers were nationally certified or recertified. The bureau investigated more than 300 public health and environmental nuisance complaints. Three-hundred eighty-five notices of violations were written to abate over 200 general environmental nuisances. Currently, the bureau has 1,701 operations under permit and conducted 396 regular surveillance inspections for health code compliance. During the month of February, 73 food permits, 203 dumpster permits, and 6 barber and beauty shops permits were issued.

Environmental health specialists performed 320 restaurant inspections and other services designed to enhance the quality of life in Norfolk; including 5 mobile food inspections and permits. Sixty-nine lead prevention visits were conducted rendering 95 services. Inspections were made to 17 day care centers.

Throughout the month of February 2005, Vector Control ensured that Norfolk's tidal ditches flow freely and were not capable of breeding mosquitoes. They worked 4,906 total yards of ditches by bushing, pulling, clearing and spreading materials blocking the flow of water. In addition to tidal ditch maintenance, Vector Control inspected 24 back yards for rodent activity. Twenty-eight rat free inspections were made on properties slated for demolition. Additionally, 79 rodent treatments were conducted. The Vector Control Division also distributed 143 pre-environmental survey forms.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Efforts & Education Continue. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program continued its efforts to increase awareness of lead poisoning in the City of Norfolk by making a presentation to 36 students at the Coronado Alternative and 4 grandparents at Monroe Elementary School. Additionally, the program sent out letters to 5 parents, collaborated with other health agencies in a lead prevention awareness telephone campaign, fielded referrals from diverse agencies, and managed a caseload of 165 reports; including 80 confirmed and 85 unconfirmed cases. There were no incidents of hospitalization as a result of the confirmed exposures.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Deal Brokered with Food Lion will Benefit Norfolk's Public School Students. History was made on April 15, at the Norfolk Airport Hilton when Norfolk Public Schools and area Food Lion stores committed to a districtwide partnership arrangement — the largest, single one of its type ever entered into by the grocery chain.

Throughout its history and today, Food Lion staff and its philanthropic branch, Food Lion Charitable Foundation, Inc., have proven to be good corporate citizens in the communities they serve. Fortunately for Norfolk Public Schools, Food Lion also is a strong supporter of education and youth, devoting resources to help students reach their fullest academic potential.

Food Lion's corporate program is appropriately entitled "CART SMART" (Creative Academic Resource Tools). It is a comprehensive partnership effort designed to provide every public school in Norfolk with much-needed resources, services, "brick & mortar" grants, employment opportunities, student and parent incentives, and more.

On the local level, principals will coordinate their school's partnership with the individual Food Lion store manager. Approximately 15 Food Lion sites will sponsor at least three schools each. The tremendous resources, including both financial (grants/incentives/gift certificates, etc.) and human services (tutoring/mentoring/providing job training, etc.) will be specifically tailored to each school's needs.

At the event on April 15, all store managers and school principals or a designee were in attendance. Joining in the celebratory announcement was Food Lion officials from corporate and regional offices as well as state and local elected officials, school board members, school administrators, and community members.

Norfolk Public Schools is committed to ensuring that all students succeed, and we value the contributions of the business community. The partnership between NPS and Food Lion will help Norfolk Public Schools reach its goal of world class.

PUBLIC WORKS

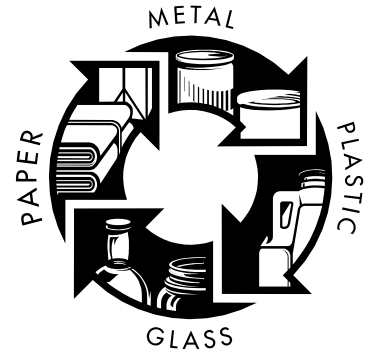
New Utility Truck Keeps Waste Management's Collection Fleet Running. Recently, the Division of Waste Management's Automotive Mechanic Team accepted the newest addition to its fleet, a Ford F-550 utility truck. The team, with over 93 years of combined mechanical repair experience, thoroughly researched and prepared the specifications for the ideal truck that will help maintain the division's fleet of 67 collection vehicles.

Some benefits of the utility truck are: (1) a larger body that accommodates additional tool and equipment storage; (2) lighted interior compartments and exterior work lights on each corner of the body for visibility during the night; (3) a body mounted battery jumper with 50 Ft. cables and air compressor; and (4) a body mounted crane. "It's a rolling garage, having cabinets enable me to carry more tools and organize them, which is very efficient," said Rob Arnold, Automotive Mechanic.

The new utility truck's most beneficial feature to the vehicle repair system is the mounted body crane. The crane enables the mechanics to perform tasks such as lifting and repositioning automated collection truck rail arms, lifting tailgates to repair locking mechanisms and lifting knuckle-boom trucks to replace hydraulic hoses. In the past, those tasks meant a vehicle would be out of commission when it went to the City garage for necessary repairs. "Besides being a timesaver, it also improves the safety aspect of working with heavy or awkward equipment. Tasks that once required two mechanics can now be performed by one, which will shorten response time when multiple service requests exist," said Richard Cortimilia, Fleet Coordinator.

With the use of this well equipped and versatile vehicle, 200 service requests were performed during the month of April.

New Recycling Drop-Off Center. After two years of planning, Norfolk's newest Drop-Off Recycling Center is now open on Security Lane, next to the Norfolk Technical Vocational Center and behind Wachovia Bank (1200 North Military Highway). Designed specifically for local residents to have a convenient location to drop-off their recyclables, this new center replaced the former location at Janaf Shopping Center. Students from the Technical Vocational Center designed and prepared a special nature landscape to surround the Center, to beautify the site and made it user-friendly.



The Center accepts recyclable aluminum (cans and foil), corrugated cardboard, newspaper, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles and jugs. The center is open for public use seven days per week, 24 hours per day and will be maintained by the City of Norfolk, the Southeastern Public Service Authority and the Norfolk Technical Vocational Center's student volunteers.

Stats: The City and SPSA annually collect over 600 tons of recyclable waste at Norfolk's three other locations: Sewell's Point Road, behind K-mart, West Government Avenue next to Ocean View Elementary School, and 17th Street and Armistead Avenue.

Residential Parking Permit Program—Willoughby. City Council established the 1500 Block of Lea View Avenue and 9700 Block of 15th View Street, as the Willoughby Residential Parking Permit Program—Zone 14. At the request of residents of the 1500 Block of Lea View Avenue and 9700 Block of 15th View Street, the Division of Transportation of the Department of Public Works conducted an investigation for the establishment of a Residential Parking Permit Program district in the area from West Ocean View Avenue to the Chesapeake Bay between 15th View Street and western terminus of Willoughby Spit.

A public hearing was held on January 27. Those who attended the meeting were advised of the procedures for the establishment of this program, and the overall opinion was favorable toward establishing a program for Willoughby Residential Parking Permit Program—Zone. 14. Similar RPPP programs are in place in other areas of the City (i.e. Middle Town Arch, Edgewater, and the Hague) that have significant visitor traffic generated by nearby schools or businesses.

The parking regulations will be “no parking” for non-decal registered vehicles.

12 Months of Safety Campaign Targets Work Zone Safety and Inattentive Drivers; State Employs New Tactics to Ensure Safety. When many of us go to work, the most hazardous thing that might happen is that we get a paper cut or drop a file on a toe. Most of us don't risk our lives at work each day. But how would that change if when you sharpened your pencil or got a drink at the water cooler, a tractor trailer blew by at 60+ mph just a few feet away? Do you think your heart might race a bit? IN the fourth month of the “12 Months of Safety” initiative, the Maryland State Police (MSP), is highlighting work zone safety and inattentive driving.

“Imagine what it would be like if your office or desk were just several feet from a lane of traffic with cars and trucks speeding by at 60 miles per hour,” said Transportation Secretary Robert L. Flanagan. “That is the environment our highway construction crews work in every day. Work zones are unforgiving places for both construction workers and motorists. In fact, four out of five people killed in work zones are not workers—but motorists or passengers. Everyone must focus on safety and motorists must stay alert and slow down when passing through a work zone. Lives are at stake.”

Did you know that...

- Between 1982 and 2002, vehicle miles traveled increased by 79 percent, while highway lane miles only increased 3 percent during the same period.
- In the year 2000, more than 81 percent of highway capital expenditures were allocated to system preservation (52 percent), expansion (21.2 percent), and enhancement (7.9 percent), all improvements that involve active work zones on existing roads with traffic present
- Work zones of freeways are estimated to account for nearly 24 percent of non-recurring delay. A combination of recent studies indicate that approximately 50 percent of all highway congestion is attributed to non-recurring conditions, such as traffic incidents, weather, work zones, and special events.
- Greater than 60 million vehicles per hour per day of capacity were estimated to be lost due to work zones over a two week period during the peak summer roadwork season in 2001.
- In 2003, 1,028 fatalities resulted from motor vehicle crashes in work zones. This has grown from 693 in 1997, a 48 percent increase.

- More than 41,000 people were injured in 2003 as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones. This has grown from 36,000 in 1996, an increase of 14 percent.
- 53 percent of work zones are designated as day work, 22 percent as night work, and 18 percent are active all day or nearly all day (18 or more hours).

Safety Tips for Motorists

- Drive within the posted speed limits.
- Dedicate full attention to the roadway.
- Disengage from distracting activities, such as changing radio stations and especially using mobile phones.
- Pay close attention to merge signs, flaggers, and don't change lanes within the work zone.
- Watch out – not only for workers in the zone, but also their equipment.
- Turn on the vehicle headlights to become more conspicuous to workers and other motorists.

Residents' Support of Pothole Month Impressive. Potholes form when moisture seeps beneath the roadway surface and the winter freezing and thawing weakens the asphalt. The month of April in Norfolk, as a result, is designated as pothole month. This year, Norfolk residents were a major factor in the Division of Streets and Bridges efforts to repair potholes throughout the City during the month of April. By calling in potholes, as part of the April is Pothole Month campaign, the response time for repairs decreased.

This year we experienced another mild winter which resulted in less damage to City streets. While the number of pothole repairs increased by 253 over 2004; however, this number is significantly less than the repair work required to repair streets after winter 2003 as illustrated in the chart below.

Year	Potholes Repaired
2005	4,867
2004	4,613
2003	5,898

Please note that while residents are specifically encouraged to report potholes during the month of April, pothole repairs are completed throughout the year.

Norfolk streets and bridges crews repaired 4,867 potholes during Pothole Repair Month in April. Although April is the busiest month, repairing potholes is a year-round job. Residents who see a pothole in need of repair can either call the Department of Streets and Bridges at 823-4050 or on the city's website at

<http://www.norfolk.gov/PublicWorks/pothole.asp>

Potholes under normal circumstances will be repaired within 10 working days. Some things that appear to be potholes in the roadway may be the result of underground utility failure and may require much more time to repair. If this is the case for your pothole, then we will contact you.

UTILITIES

Project Update: Willoughby Water and Sewer Improvements: Little Bay Avenue

The Department of Utilities continues to make progress on the water and sewer replacement in the Little Bay Avenue area of Willoughby. Recently, the water mains on Ocean View Avenue between 8th View Street and 11th View St. were replaced and the sewer system in this area was rehabilitated. We anticipate beginning similar system replacements on Little Bay Avenue this month. This project will help improve water and wastewater services, as well as storm water drainage, enhancing the reliability of these services for many years to come.

Because Little Bay Avenue is a narrower street, Utilities anticipates some disruption to normal traffic flow during construction. The City and its contractors will make every effort to minimize inconvenience, including maintaining constant access for emergency vehicles. Construction will take place on Little Bay Avenue from 8th View to the 1100 block beginning in May. The water and sewer replacement in this area is scheduled to be complete by early 2006.

The City has hired T.A. Sheets Mechanical Contractors, Inc. of Norfolk to complete the construction. A Department of Utilities Construction Inspector will also be present on the work site at all times during construction activities. If you have any concerns regarding construction, please call Scott Bracy, Construction Inspector I, at (757) 613-9225; or Lawrence Paulmino, Construction Inspector III, at (757) 646-4219. If you would like more information on the water and sewer replacement project, please call Susan Hamilton, Engineer and Project Manager, at (757) 664-6762.

Most construction activity will take place within the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, construction may take place occasionally on weekends, as well. Thank you for your continued patience. We are committed to completing this important project with as little inconvenience to our customers as possible.

ZOO

Rotary Club of Norfolk donates \$50,000 for Zoo Renovation Project. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Norfolk donated \$50,000 for renovation and enhancement of the Virginia Zoo barnyard exhibit. The revitalized exhibit was reopened at the end of April.

The generous gift from the Rotary Club of Norfolk enabled the Zoo to completely refurbish the Virginia Zoo barnyard exhibit. The buildings were cleaned, repaired and painted, screens were replaced, new railings were installed, new signage was added to each of the animal exhibits, and a brand new interactive climbing structure in the shape of a spider web was constructed and installed for children to play on. The giant spider web area is over 26 feet in diameter. The structure is made of nylon rope in the shape of a spider web and is suspended from posts at an angle ranging from 1 ½ to 3 feet off the ground. The structure is great fun and a challenge to maneuver as the web wiggles and wobbles when climbed upon.

Chartered 90 years ago, the Rotary Club of Norfolk was enrolled as the 114th member of what subsequently became Rotary International, which now encompasses 1.2 million Rotarians distributed among more than 31,000 clubs scattered through 166 countries.

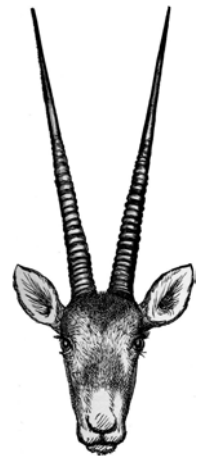
The Rotary Club of Norfolk contributes thousands of dollars annually to international and regional non-profit humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Rotary International is the biggest private-sector partner in the multinational effort to banish the scourge of polio from the earth; a mission nearing successful conclusion.

The barnyard exhibit is a replica of a working Virginia farm complete with animals and educational opportunities to learn about our rich Virginia farm history.

The Virginia Zoo is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day. The Virginia Zoo is located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Admission prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4.00 for children ages 2-11. For more information including information on special events, membership and more visit our website at www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374.

Baby Gazelle on Exhibit at Your Virginia Zoo. Come see Lucy, the new female Grant's gazelle at your Virginia Zoo! The female gazelle, who was born last month, and her parents were kept in a protected area while she became oriented with the exhibit. The young gazelle is now able to venture into the rest of the exhibit she shares with her parents, three giraffe and two ostrich.

Grant's gazelle are larger than most gazelle species. They are sandy or fawn in color with a white underbelly and rump. When fully grown they can weigh 84 to 178lbs. Males have very long and thick horns while the females have thin, slender horns. They generally live in semi-desert to open savannahs (i.e. Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia,



and Sudan). There are only approximately 50 Grant's gazelles in American zoos today.

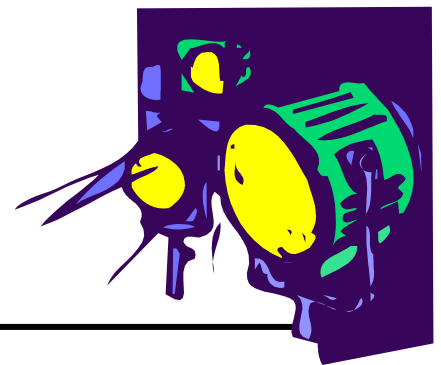
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New elephant on exhibit at your Virginia Zoo. Cita, an African elephant and the Virginia Zoo's newest resident along with the Zoo's other two elephants, Monica and Lisa, are now on exhibit together. Cita arrived from the at the Virginia Zoo on March 29, 2005 from the Indianapolis Zoo and completed the standard 30-day quarantine period and introduction to the Zoo's two other elephants.

The Indianapolis Zoo donated Cita to the Virginia Zoo so that the Zoo will have three elephants in its herd, which is the minimum number recommended for facilities accredited by the American Zoo & Aquarium Association (AZA). Both zoos are accredited and are among 78 AZA zoos and facilities that hold approximately 300 of the 500 elephants in North America.

The move was approved by the AZA's Species Survival Plan (SSP) for African elephants, a cooperative breeding program in North American zoos to manage and expand the populations of endangered species.

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SPOTLIGHT

THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ABATEMENT TEAM

With no new resources available but with the need to heavily concentrate on code violations, the Superintendent of Waste Management formed a Waste Management Abatement Team. This team was formed by grouping all five inspectors, one supervisor

(Operations Manager), and two refuse collectors, and was tasked to enhance and improve collection of improperly set out waste and illegal dumping in the public right-of-way, increase neighborhood enforcement, and respond to other “hot” issues reported to City officials.

The Abatement Team is charged with enforcing code violations throughout the City and abating the problems within 24 hours. However with only five inspectors, a plan had to be developed to attack the problem systematically. Supervisors and inspectors performed citywide inspections, and they collected violation statistics from each neighborhood. Neighborhoods were then categorized as “high,” “medium,” or “low,” based on the amounts of unscheduled overflow and other infractions found. Neighborhoods classified as “high” were targeted once a week for violations. Those classified as “medium” were targeted every three weeks for violations. Neighborhoods classified as “low” were randomly selected for violations. Inspectors were delegated to assess neighborhoods two days after the assigned collection day to address any violations. Sample neighborhoods below:

The team was developed specifically to perform the following functions:

- Respond more quickly to improperly set out waste, particularly on noncollection days
- Prevent the collection staff from diverting from their assigned routes to collect in other areas of the City
- Provide collection on Mondays when the regular collection staff is not working
- Handle all move-outs, evictions, and illegal dumping in the public right-of-way, as well as other issues reported to City officials
- Coordinate clean-ups in situations where responsibility and property ownership are not clear
- Support special neighborhood cleanup efforts
- Attend Civic League and PACE (Police Assisted Community Enforcement) meetings

As a result of the formation of the Abatement Team and the functions performed, some neighborhoods once classified as “high,” are now revealing violation numbers that are beginning to level off while others are being reclassified as “medium” through continuous enforcement. The goal of the Division is to eliminate or reduce the number of “high” and “medium” neighborhoods to that of “low” through continuous education and enforcement.

Performance, Economics and Cost Effectiveness

With the restructuring of the collection and enforcement organization, the Operations Manager now manages the Abatement Team which is composed of two collectors, five Waste Management Inspectors, and one clerical position. The Team focuses on neighborhood enforcement, education, illegal dumping, move-outs and evictions, and on collection issues outside of the regular collection schedule. The Operations Manager also administers the work of a private contractor that is hired by the City to provide collection and recycling of white goods and CFC appliances as well as excessive bulk and yard waste collections. The City coordinates this effort and invoices the citizens according to City Code.

During the first six months of FY-05 the Abatement Team averaged 180 pick-ups per week, weighing 26 tons, of improperly set out waste. The Waste Management Inspectors increased the number of warnings and tickets issued by 261% compared to those issued during the same period in the previous year. A monthly infraction breakdown indicates an average of 534 violation tickets and 378 warnings issued per month. A total of \$32,500 has already been collected during the first six months of FY-05 compared to \$5,850 for the entire previous fiscal year.

IN THE COMMUNITY

HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL RE-ENTRY CONFERENCE

Recent studies suggest that more and more formerly incarcerated individuals are being released back into our local communities with limited skills, education and resources to stabilize.

- What is the impact on our public safety?
- Who bares the cost of offenders that return to prison?
- Does this phenomenon have a negative effect on children?
- What is the role and responsibility of the community?
- How does this affect local law enforcement dollars and resources?

This conference will address these issues and many more during this two day event designed to bring the communities of Hampton Roads together in a collective effort to deal with the issue of returning offenders.

June 21-22, 2005
Norfolk Airport Hilton
Military Highway/Norhampton Blvd.

Prisoner Re-entry: The Virginia Department of Corrections and the Urban Institute Justice Policy Center, recently published statistics that demonstrated an above average number of inmates were being released into communities in the Hampton Roads area. In addition, they were being released without sufficient resources and services to assist with a positive transition experience that would lead to social stability. In the year 2004, there were 11,432 prisoners released from Virginia correctional facilities back to the communities of Virginia. Statistics show that each year this number increases. While some acknowledge the physical boundaries and jurisdictions, the impact of their return is not limited to these same structures. The result then is the need to address this problem from a regional perspective. The obvious conclusion is the Hampton Roads Re-Entry Conference.

Conference Purpose: The purpose of the conference is to educate, inform and involve local and state government, public and private human service agencies, correctional institutions and law enforcement, faith-based organizations, community based organizations and citizens of the Hampton Roads region in addressing, solving and supporting effective positive re-entry initiatives that improve the quality of life for all of the citizens of our region.

Conference Objectives:

- 1) Identify the barriers and issues that are most essential to facilitating or preventing a positive re-entry experience for the individual and the community.
- 2) Inform the public about the reality of life after incarceration.
- 3) Promote future collaboration between service organizations that are now serving this population.
- 4) Encourage the expansion of “Best Practices” that have been identified during the conference.
- 5) Stimulate dialogue between key policy makers leads to change in mindsets and attitudes.
- 6) Establish a general report that leads to broader and increased collaboration between cities and agencies.
- 7) Identify gaps in services and promote the establishment of that respective service to meet a need.

If there are things that any of you need to add please email me at alphonso.albert@norfolk.gov.

Town Hall Meeting: The framework of this conference begins Tuesday night with a town hall meeting free of charge to all those who are interested. Policy makers and law enforcement officials from all Hampton Roads communities have been invited to serve

on this panel speaking to the issues surrounding re-entry and addressing questions from an audience of service providers, drug court and treatment facilities, community service agencies, correctional facilities and the affected population of ex-offenders. This forum stands to be an eye opening event for all who attend.

Conference Workshop Topics

10:15 am –11:45 am

Session A

Housing- A key component of transition is stable housing. The session addresses the obstacles that ex-offenders face upon release or in efforts to obtain affordable housing. Specifically homelessness, transitional shelters, and public housing will be discussed.

Session B

Legal Issues- The most dynamic issues associated with re-entry are slated for this session. Restoration of rights, systemic barriers, fines and court cost as well as current legislations will be discussed in this session.

Session C

Juvenile Re-Entry- This session is specifically designed to address the needs of the juvenile as he/she is released from detention and diversion centers. Some topics within this session may duplicate others in the conference but they are focused on the juvenile population.

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Session A

Pre Release Planning & Post Release Programs- The best time to address the needs of transition is prior to release. As a result, this session is dedicated to the current pre-release programs throughout the region and the state of Virginia. It will also address the post-release programs sponsored by the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Session B

Faith Based Support Services- This session is designed to engage those interested in beginning a faith-based support program. After care programs, applying for grants as well as highlight current “best practice” programs already successfully assisting formerly incarcerated persons.

Session C

Offender Program & Services-This session showcases re-entry programs currently being run in the Hampton Roads area as well as highlight a 30 year old program model in New York—The Fortune Society.

3:15 pm-4:45 pm

Session A

Employment/Education-This session covers topics related to stabilizing ex-offenders through education and employment opportunities. Business owners and human resources managers will speak on what makes them willing to offer opportunities to ex-offenders. Also covers resources currently available.

Session B

Substance Abuse/Mental Health-It has been reported that 3 or 4 ex-offenders released in 2004 had a history of alcohol or drug abuse. An estimated 15% had some form of mental illness or mental disorder. This session covers topics related to treatment and support for those with addiction and mental health concerns.

Session C

Focus on the Family- Another key component in the re-stabilization of ex-offenders is family. This session discusses the role of the family, i.e., the role of the individual as a missing parent during incarceration and re-establishing ties to family members upon release.

A registration form is at the back of this issue of Civic Connection.

FYI

POLL OF FLORIDA RESIDENTS SHOWS EVEN WITH LAST YEAR'S HURRICANES, MANY ARE DANGEROUSLY UNPREPARED, ILL-INFORMED

MIAMI--Despite last year's devastating and record-breaking hurricane season, when four storms blasted Florida in a span of six weeks, many residents of the East and Gulf Coasts of the United States don't sense danger in the upcoming season and don't plan to take even the simplest steps to protect themselves, their families and their homes.

That's the startling finding of a new public opinion poll conducted April 20-26 in 12 hurricane-vulnerable states from Texas to Maine – a poll emergency managers are calling “the first early warning” of the 2005 hurricane season.

The poll was conducted as the leading element of The National Hurricane Survival Initiative, a public education and safety outreach partnership that includes the National Hurricane Center, the Salvation Army, the National Emergency Management Association, and the Florida Division of Emergency Management. Corporate partners in the project include Plylox and Sonitrol.

The initiative seeks to educate hurricane-vulnerable residents through a new Web site, **www.hurricanesafety.org**, a 30-minute television special and a series of TV public service announcements. All will be in high gear throughout the six-month-long hurricane season.

“On the heels of a hurricane season that claimed dozens of lives and billions of dollars in property damage in the United States alone, it is alarming that so many people feel invulnerable and plan to take no steps at all to protect themselves and their property,” said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center. “We hope this poll sends up an early warning that the time to save yourself is now in terms of being prepared.”

The poll findings revealed that one in four residents said they felt “not at all vulnerable” to hurricanes. An alarming number of respondents also believe they could safely evacuate lowlying areas just 30 minutes to an hour before a hurricane made landfall.

Many of those polled revealed a shocking lack of knowledge about preparing their homes to withstand hurricane-force winds:

- *Ninety-six percent of respondents were unaware that a garage door is the structural element most likely to fail first in a hurricane. And few know what to do in advance to bolster the door’s structural integrity.*
- *Four in ten did not know their standard homeowners policies do not insure them against flooding during a hurricane.*
- *More than half thought masking tape helps prevent windows from shattering – a widely held myth – and an even larger number believe that candles — a serious fire hazard — are “a good source of light” during a storm-induced power failure.*

“The polling data gathered for the Hurricane Survival Initiative, along with the damage we saw last year in Florida, underscores the need for people to be familiar with the precautions they should take in advance of hurricane season,” said Lt. Governor Toni Jennings. “We are urging people to be prepared, be aware and to act responsibly to ensure their safety in 2005.”

Residents polled were disturbingly ill-informed about the time needed to evacuate with one in four believing they could drive out of flood-prone areas merely 30 minutes to an hour before a hurricane made landfall. In reality, low-lying roads become impassable three to five hours before landfall – and even sooner in more vulnerable areas. Nearly a quarter of hurricane fatalities involve people drowning while driving or attempting to abandon their cars.

One in four of those polled said they would drive “as far away as possible, trying to outguess the storm.” Because of the likelihood of gridlock, emergency management officials recommend arranging to stay, in advance, with the nearest friend or relative outside the evacuation area or going to the nearest shelter.

“Many victims of last year’s storms are still living in temporary housing,” said the Salvation Army’s Major Steve Hedgren. “People need to make a disaster plan now.” Hedgren implored residents in hurricane-vulnerable areas to take these critically important steps:

- *Inspect and secure the areas of your home most likely to fail: the garage door, windows, roof, and gable walls.*
- *Know in advance whether you are likely to have to evacuate, where you would go, what you must take with you and where you can safely leave your pets.*
- *Know what you should have on hand if you can stay in your home and stock up now*

NOW IS THE TIME FOR NORFOLK RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR HURRICANES AND OTHER DISASTERS

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and local emergency management officials, offers these safety tips to protect lives and reduce property damage:

Before the Storm

- Know your risk. Find out if your home is in the storm surge-flooding zone. Consult your area emergency management office for this information.
- Identify where to go if you are told to evacuate and the safest route to get there. Choose several places - a friend's home in another town, a motel or a shelter. Remember, public shelters and many motels don't allow pets in their facilities.
- Get ready for a possible power outage by gathering a minimum one-week supply of foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking, such as canned goods, as well as bottled water, flashlights with extra batteries, a first-aid kit and battery-powered radio. If you need to evacuate, make sure you can consolidate these items into a portable "go" kit, like a backpack or duffel bag.
- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio for National Weather Service reports and severe weather warnings.
- Re-check your supply of plywood, tools, batteries, tarps and plastic sheeting for roof repairs.

- Cut dead trees and limbs that could fall on your home.
- Consider retrofitting your garage door by installing horizontal bracing onto each door panel. High winds that enter through the garage can blow out doors, windows, walls and even the roof.
- Make sure you have a current flood insurance policy (not typically part of a homeowner's policy). A 30-day waiting period is generally required to purchase flood insurance, so take time now to visit your insurance agent to learn more.
- Take pictures of your property before the storm to help validate your claim and remember to take your policies with you if you need to evacuate.

When a Hurricane is Approaching

- Listen to your local radio, TV stations for updated storm information. A hurricane watch means possible danger. If the danger increases, a hurricane warning will be issued.
- If you have space in your refrigerator or freezer, consider filling plastic containers with water, leaving about an inch of space inside each one. (Remember, water expands as it freezes, so it is important to leave room in the container for the expanded water). Place the containers in the refrigerator and freezer. This chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold for several hours if the power goes out.
- Fill your bathtub with water to use for toilet flushing in case water services are unavailable following the storm.
- Bring in garbage cans, lawn furniture and other items that could blow away.
- Fill your car's gas tank and prepare to evacuate if told to do so.

During the Storm

- If you are not advised to evacuate, remain indoors and away from windows. If necessary, seek refuge in an interior, windowless room. Cover yourself with pillows or a blanket to protect you from falling debris.

After the Storm

- Listen to your local radio stations for official disaster relief information and instructions.
- Prepare to be without power, telephone or any outside services for a week or more.

- Watch out for downed power lines, weakened structures, rodents and snakes, and avoid standing water.
- Avoid drinking tap water unless officials say it is safe to do so. Eat only foods you are absolutely sure are safe.
- Be extra careful when handling power tools, gas lanterns and matches.
- Operate generators outdoors only in a well-ventilated, dry area, away from air intakes to the home. Never use a generator indoors or in attached garages. Poor ventilation can result in carbon monoxide poisoning or death.
- Avoid using candles as a light source. Deadly fires can result.
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DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS

The separation or loss of a pet can have a profound impact on a family! We should make every effort to insure our pets are safe and with us. A written disaster plan, particularly in households with pets can lessen a disaster's impact and save lives!

Advanced planning is essential and could save your pet(s) life and the best recommended plan is to take your pet with you when and if you have to evacuate.

REMEMBER- Public Shelters Do Not Allow Pets! And, boarding facilities in a disaster area may be subject to some degree of damage or flooding. If you are thinking of boarding your pet, consider the difficulties of providing a healthy environment without electricity, running water, plus limited supplies and personnel! What provisions does the boarding facility have? Where is it?

Before the Storm

- Acquire a pet carrier or cage for EACH dog, cat, bird or small animal. Make sure it is large enough for each pet to comfortably stand up and turn around inside. Exceptions can be made to house more than one animal per carrier but DO NOT mix different animal species together. Frightened animals may exhibit behavior changes.

- Take time to familiarize your pet(s) in the carrier or crate until it feels secure and comfortable in it.
- Vaccinate your pet(s) by June 1. Consult your veterinarian for the necessary vaccinations for each pet. Healthy pets have a greater chance of surviving the stresses of a storm. Infectious diseases can become a BIG threat following a disaster. Rabies exists in the wildlife and without proper precautions is fatal to people and animals.
- Provide Identification! The better animals are identified, the greater the chances of reuniting them to their original rightful owners. Current license and rabies tags on a properly fitted collar, by micro-chipping or tattooing. Using more than one ID can improve the odds. Consider placing an ID tag with an out-of-state contact name & address along with your local information on its collar. Don't forget to place ID on the carriers!
- Photos! Take clear, color photos (frontal, left and right sides) and store with your pets license, health records and ownership papers in a waterproof carrier to take with you.
- **Make Your Pet Emergency Kit**
 - Carrier or portable kennel for each pet.
 - Pet(s) ownership, registration, photos, health papers
 - A leash and properly fitted collars/harness to restrain each pet
 - Non-spill food and water dishes
 - Water in non-breakable containers, 14 day supply (double what your pets consumes on an average day)
 - Food supply (14 day) and manual can opener
 - Special medications, dosage and care instructions
 - Grooming equipment and hygiene items
 - Toys, blankets and special comfort items
 - Cleanser and disinfectant to properly handle wastes
 - Newspapers/litter, scooper, plastic bags for wastes
 - Include a pet first aid kit.

Pet First Aid Kit

- HEMOSTAT or TWEEZERS for grabbing onto things like sticks, thorns, ticks, or anything else that may be caught in your pet's mouth or skin.
- THERMOMETER (normal temp in dogs and cats is 101 to 102 degrees F). A low temperature can indicate a very sick animal or hypothermia. In either case it is very important to warm the animal. A high temp can indicate infection or hyperthermia. Temps above 106 or 107 degrees can cause brain damage.
- SCISSORS to cut tape, gauze and to clip hair around wounds.
- GAUZE PADS AND ROLL OF GAUZE to clean, cover and cushion injuries. The rolled gauze can be used for tourniquet or muzzle
- ADHESIVE TAPE or sticky bandage or roll of Vet Wrap
- IODINE PREP SOLUTION. Antiseptic solution for cleansing wounds or burns.
- ALCOHOL PREP PADS. Used to clean scissors, tweezers and hands. (Do not use on wounds)
- TRIPLE ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT. Inhibits bacterial growth in cuts and abrasions. Promotes wound healing
- STYPTIC POWDER. This is most useful for stopping bleeding caused by torn toenails
- BENEDRYL: Works well in reducing allergic reactions to insect bites. These reactions can be serious if a pet is stung in the mouth, since swelling could block the windpipe. Please check with your Vet before using for the right dosage
- RESCUE REMEDY (give 2 drops on tongue every 5-15 mins. in case of shock. This can be used any time an animal is stressed.
- 325 mg BUFFERED ASPRIN Please check with your vet for correct dosage. Used for reducing inflammation from sore muscles or joints. TYLENOL IS POISONOUS TO CATS. Check with your vet before giving any meds. You may tape the correct dosages for your pets inside the first aid kit.
- BLANKET Animals often go into shock when injured. A blanket will help keep them warm

WHEN A STORM THREATENS

- Bring your pet(s) indoors when a hurricane warning is declared. Reassure your pet(s) with a soothing manner and voice. Remember your pets can feel your stress and emotional state.
- Do not leave a dog with a cat even if they are normally friendly with each other. The storm can alter animal behavior and instincts will override any training.
- If you must evacuate, take your pet(s) and their emergency kits along with you. If it is unsafe for you to remain, it is unsafe for your pet(s) as well.
- When a tropical storm is named, call ahead and make reservations at a motel/hotel located away from coastal and river areas. Ask the number of pets allowed and fees. Some motels/hotels will change their policies and accept pets in an emergency situation, but call ahead first.

AFTER THE DISASTER

Provide a Safe Environment! Clear an area free of debris. Use restraint measures to limit animals to "clean" areas and prevent injury to your animals (leashes, fencing). Spoiled foods need to be stored in durable plastic bags (eg. 4 mil plastic bags) or containers until trash pickup resumes. Bleach sprinkled over spoiled food can help reduce odors. Domestic and wild animals will be confused because of the loss of their territorial markers. They will be attracted to poorly disgarded food, potenially becoming a threat to family and pets or becoming ill themselves.

IF YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR PET

If for some unfortunate reason you must leave your pet. Please provide enough food and water out for a couple of days in a high place that your pets can reach. Don't forget to leave your cat a litter box. This should also be up high. In the case of flooding you should also leave a blanket or something similar on your roof. This will provide your pets a place to sit/lay to prevent paws from burning on the roof material until help can arrive.

If your pet is hurt or lost, listen to emergency broadcasts for the ANIMAL HOT LINE. Special community Bulletin Boards for animal relief information will be posted, when possible, during times of severly limited communications in your area.

National Lost Pet Hotline 1-900-535-1515

National Found Hot Line 1-800-755-8111

KEEPING FOOD SAFE DURING AN EMERGENCY

Did you know that a flood, fire, natural disaster, or the loss of power from high winds, snow, or ice could jeopardize the safety of your food? Knowing how to determine if food is safe and how to keep food safe will help minimize the potential loss of food and reduce the risk of foodborne illness. This fact sheet will help you make the right decisions for keeping your family safe during an emergency.

ABCD's of Keeping Food Safe in an Emergency

- Always keep meat, poultry, fish, and eggs refrigerated at or below 40 °F and frozen food at or below 0 °F. This may be difficult when the power is out.
- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature. The refrigerator will keep food safely cold for about 4 hours if it is unopened. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed. Obtain dry or block ice to keep your refrigerator as cold as possible if the power is going to be out for a prolonged period of time. Fifty pounds of dry ice should hold an 18-cubic foot full freezer for 2 days. Plan ahead and know where dry ice and block ice can be purchased.
- Be prepared for an emergency by having items on hand that don't require refrigeration and can be eaten cold or heated on the outdoor grill. Shelf-stable food, boxed or canned milk, water, and canned goods should be part of a planned emergency food supply. Make sure you have ready-to-use baby formula for infants and pet food. Remember to use these items and replace them from time to time. Be sure to keep a hand-held can opener for an emergency.
- Consider what you can do ahead of time to store your food safely in an emergency. If you live in a location that could be affected by a flood, plan your food storage on shelves that will be safely out of the way of contaminated water. Coolers are a great help for keeping food cold if the power will be out for more than 4 hours—have a couple on hand along with frozen gel packs. When your freezer is not full, keep items close together—this helps the food stay cold longer.
- Digital, dial, or instant-read food thermometers and appliance thermometers will help you know if the food is at safe temperatures. Keep appliance thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer at all times. When the power is out, an appliance thermometer will always indicate the temperature in the refrigerator and freezer no matter how long the power has been out. The refrigerator temperature should be 40 °F or below; the freezer, 0 °F or lower. If you're not sure a particular food is cold enough, take its temperature with a food thermometer.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q. Flood waters covered our food stored on shelves and in cabinets. What can I keep and what should I throw out? How should I clean my dishes and pots and pans?

A. Discard all food that came in contact with flood waters including canned goods. It is impossible to know if containers were damaged and the seal compromised. Discard wooden cutting boards, plastic utensils, baby bottle nipples, and pacifiers. There is no way to safely clean them if they have come in contact with contaminated flood waters. Thoroughly wash metal pans, ceramic dishes, and utensils with hot soapy water and sanitize by boiling them in clean water or by immersing them for 15 minutes in a solution of 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach per quart of water.

Q. My home was flooded and I am worried about the safety of the drinking water. What should I do?

A. Drink only approved or chlorinated water. Consider all water from wells, cisterns, and other delivery systems in the disaster area unsafe until tested. Purchase bottled water, if necessary, until you are certain that your water supply is safe. Keep a 3-day supply of water or a minimum of 3 gallons of water per person.

Q. We had a fire in our home and I am worried about what food I can keep and what to throw away.

A. Discard food that has been near a fire. Food exposed to fire can be damaged by the heat of the fire, smoke fumes, and chemicals used to fight the fire. Food in cans or jars may appear to be okay, but the heat from a fire can activate food spoilage bacteria. If the heat is extreme, the cans or jars themselves can split or rupture, rendering the food unsafe. One of the most dangerous elements of a fire is sometimes not the fire itself, but toxic fumes released from burning materials. Discard any raw food or food in permeable packaging—cardboard, plastic wrap, screw-topped jars, bottles, etc.—stored outside the refrigerator. Food stored in refrigerators or freezers can also become contaminated by fumes. The refrigerator seal isn't airtight and fumes can get inside. Chemicals used to fight the fire contain toxic materials and can contaminate food and cookware. Food that is exposed to chemicals should be thrown away—the chemicals cannot be washed off the food. This includes food stored at room temperature, such as fruits and vegetables, as well as food stored in permeable containers like cardboard and screw-topped jars and bottles. Cookware exposed to fire-fighting chemicals can be decontaminated by washing in soap and hot water. Then submerge for 15 minutes in a solution of 1 teaspoon chlorine bleach per quart of water.

Q. A snowstorm knocked down the power lines, can I put the food from the refrigerator and freezer out in the snow?

A. No, frozen food can thaw if it is exposed to the sun's rays even when the temperature is very cold. Refrigerated food may become too warm and foodborne bacteria could grow. The outside temperature could vary hour by hour and the temperature outside will not protect refrigerated and frozen food. Additionally, perishable items could be exposed to unsanitary conditions or to animals. Animals may harbor bacteria or disease; never consume food that has come in contact with an animal. Rather than putting the food outside, consider taking advantage of the cold temperatures by making ice. Fill buckets, empty milk cartons or cans with water and leave them outside to freeze. Then put the homemade ice in your refrigerator, freezer, or coolers.

Q. Some of my food in the freezer started to thaw or had thawed when the power came back on. Is the food safe? How long will the food in the refrigerator be safe with the power off?

A. Never taste food to determine its safety! You will have to evaluate each item separately. If an appliance thermometer was kept in the freezer, read the temperature when the power comes back on. If the appliance thermometer stored in the freezer reads 40 °F or below, the food is safe and may be refrozen. If a thermometer has not been kept in the freezer, check each package of food to determine the safety. Remember you can't rely on appearance or odor. If the food still contains ice crystals or is 40 °F or below, it is safe to refreeze. Refrigerated food should be safe as long as power is out no more than 4 hours. Keep the door closed as much as possible. Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers) that have been above 40 °F for 2 hours.

Q. May I refreeze the food in the freezer if it thawed or partially thawed?

A. Yes, the food may be safely refrozen if the food still contains ice crystals or is at 40 °F or below. You will have to evaluate each item separately. Be sure to discard any items in either the freezer or the refrigerator that have come into contact with raw meat juices. *For more details, check www.norfolk.gov under the emergency preparedness section.*

CELL PHONE BATTERIES: HOW TO USE SAFELY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Cell phones are ubiquitous in today's modern culture, with more than 170 million wireless consumers making billions of calls each year in the United States. While the convenience and usefulness of wireless devices add to their growing popularity, it is increasingly important for consumers to follow guidelines on the maintenance of wireless phones and batteries.

Lithium-ion (Li-Ion) batteries, which are commonly found in today's cellular phones, have a lot of energy in a small package. Li-Ion batteries are more sensitive to physical stress than alkaline batteries found in toys and flashlights and need to be treated with more care.

To promote the safe use of cell phones, batteries and chargers, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and CTIA-The Wireless Association, the trade organization representing various facets of the wireless industry, recommend the following:

- Do not use incompatible cell phone batteries and chargers. Some Web sites and second-hand dealers, not associated with reputable manufacturers and carriers, might be selling incompatible or even counterfeit batteries and chargers. Consumers should purchase manufacturer or carrier recommended products and accessories. If unsure about whether a replacement battery or charger is compatible, contact the manufacturer of the battery or charger.
- Do not permit a battery out of the phone to come in contact with metal objects, such as coins, keys or jewelry.
- Do not crush, puncture or put a high degree of pressure on the battery as this can cause an internal short-circuit, resulting in overheating.
- Avoid dropping the cell phone. Dropping it, especially on a hard surface, can potentially cause damage to the phone and battery. If you suspect damage to the phone or battery, take it to a service center for inspection.
- Do not place the phone in areas that may get very hot, such as on or near a cooking surface, cooking appliance, iron, or radiator.
- Do not get your phone or battery wet. Even though they will dry and appear to operate normally, the circuitry could slowly corrode and pose a safety hazard.
- Follow battery usage, storage and charging guidelines found in the user's guide.

"CPSC has received reports of incidents and injuries involving cell phones batteries and chargers in a variety of environments," said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. "CPSC will continue to do its part by investigating and recalling batteries that present a safety hazard, and we ask that consumers do their part by following some basic safety steps in their day-to-day use of cell phone batteries."

Steve Largent, President and CEO of CTIA commented, "The wireless industry is committed to providing outstanding products to consumers and we want to make sure they're aware of how to properly care for and use those products." Largent also cited the industry's collaborative effort with IEEE, a prominent technical-standard setting organization. They have formed a working group, of which the CPSC is a member, to

develop industry-wide standards for battery design and performance. Authorized laboratories will test batteries to these standards for the purpose of certifying compliance.

“The work we’re doing in developing battery standards and our cooperation with U.S. Customs and law enforcement agencies regarding counterfeit operations are clear illustrations of the industry’s dedication to proactively and voluntarily recognizing its important role in serving its customers,” added Largent.

CTIA and CPSC also urge consumers to properly dispose of their old batteries and equipment. All major carriers have recycling programs. For more information, go to www.recyclewirelessphones.com

NORFOLK MENTAL HEALTH COURT FACTS *from Community Services Board*

- Norfolk Mental Health Court convened for the first time on March 2, 2004.
- Mental Health Court offers defendants suffering from mental illness and guilty of non-violent crimes the opportunity to accept treatment instead of going to jail.
- Cases accepted for Mental Health Court are those in which the crime is more a result of the individual’s mental illness than of criminal intent.
- Mental Health Court is a collaborative effort of Norfolk CSB, Norfolk Circuit Court, the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, the Office of Probation & Parole and the Sheriff’s Department.
- Success rate in first year of operation: 80%
- Participants enrolled in first year: 31
- “Out of Jail” days of participants: 4,825
- Jail expenses saved: \$369,499

TAKING CARE OF AN AGING PARENT—HOW TO COPE *from Community Services Board*

Are you a member of the “sandwich” generation? You are if you are caring for young children as well as one or more aging parents. Today 44 percent of Americans between the ages of 45 and 55 have both living parents and children under 21 years old. In fact, 22 million Americans are caring for parents or older relatives, according to the AARP. And, nearly two-thirds of primary caregivers are women, a Kaiser Family Foundation study shows. Most of these caregivers are also either working full or part-time.

Taking care of children, performing on the job and keeping up the household chores are just some of life’s daily stresses. When you also take care of an aging parent or relative, you can feel stretched beyond your limits. Use the tips provided below to help you cope.

- Be organized. Make a list of things that need to be done, and set realistic priorities and goals. Have a backup plan in place.
- Stay healthy. Get enough sleep, eat a healthful diet and exercise regularly. Most people tend to overlook their own health when taking care of others.
- Make a little time to do things you enjoy. Relax with family and friends. Having fun, laughing and focusing on things other than your own problems helps you keep your emotional balance and makes you a much better caregiver.
- Ask for help when you need it. There will be times when you can't do everything that needs to be done, so call on friends and family members for help with different tasks.
- Use community resources, such as adult day services, meal or shopping services, and caregiver support groups to help lighten your load. Also look to see what programs are offered through your place of worship.
- Feel stressed, angry or depressed? Step away from the situation. Leave the room for a minute or take a walk around the block.
- Do not drink excessively or use drugs to cope with the stress. If the feelings continue, talk to a trusted friend, relative, clergy or health professional. Ask your employer if there is an employee assistance program you can use.
- Talk to your supervisor at work about your care-giving responsibilities, so he or she knows what difficulties you may experience. Offer to make up any work time you take off for care-giving.
- Find out your company's policy on care-givers. It may offer benefits or services that can help. Take advantage of flextime work policies. Consider working part time or job sharing.
- Ask your human resources department for information on the Family and Medical Leave Act. This allows up to 12 weeks a year unpaid leave for family caregivers who meet certain requirements.
- Always thank your coworkers, friends and family for their help and consideration. Offer to help them with, when you can, their own family responsibilities.

For more information, contact your local Mental Health Association or the National Mental Health Association at 800-969-NMHA (6642), or visit www.nmha.org.

PROTECTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM MOSQUITOES

The Vector Control Program of the Norfolk Department of Public Health is encouraging citizens to take precautions to reduce the mosquito population by eliminating standing water and areas around your home where mosquitoes could possibly breed. To help control and prevent mosquito breeding, take a walk through your yard each week to empty standing water. Mosquitoes can breed in less than 1 teaspoon of

water; therefore, eliminating standing water on your property reduces your risk. The Virginia Department of Health recommends the following tips to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

How to eliminate mosquito breeding areas:

- Turn over or remove containers in your yard where rainwater collects,
such as potted plant trays, buckets, or toys.
- Empty birdbaths once a week.
- Remove old tires from your yard.
- Clean roof gutters and downspout screens.
- Eliminate standing water on flat roofs, boats, and tarps.

How to protect yourself from biting mosquitoes:

- Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent products with no more than 50% DEET for adults and less than 30% for children.
- Follow label instructions when using insect repellents.

Norfolk's Vector Control Program works throughout the year to reduce habitats where mosquitoes breed by eliminating or treating standing water in ditches, swamps and storm drains. Vector Control has increased intervention throughout the city, as well as increasing mosquito collection.

Various trapping methods are used to collect and gather surveillance data gained by both adult and larval samples. Our surveillance program includes a series of CDC and New Jersey Light Traps designed to monitor the mosquito populations and to identify the prevalent mosquito species. Gravid traps are also used to collect breeding mosquito. After the mosquitoes have been separated by species, they are sent to the Norfolk Department of Public Health Laboratory for viral testing. Vector Control uses source reduction (elimination of standing water) and chemical intervention for both larval and adult mosquitoes as necessary.

The Norfolk Department of Public Health is asking residents to report all dead birds especially to the health department crows, blue jays, and raptors (i.e. hawks, falcons, owls etc.) While all dead birds are reportable to the health department, only bird's dead less than 24 hours are tested. These birds are important to the early detection of West Nile Virus. West Nile virus is spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes and usually causes a mild illness in humans, but may also cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord).

Residents should not pick up or handle a dead bird with their bare hands. They should call Norfolk Vector Control at 683-2840 or Environmental Health at 683-2712 for questions or for reporting of dead birds.

HEALTHWATCH

HW 4-29-05

GOOD DAY! -- I'M TERRANCE AFER-ADERSON AND THIS IS HEALTHWATCH.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO REPORT THAT TEEN PREGNANCY RATES IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE EXPERIENCED A STEADY DECLINE OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS. BUT THE IMPACT OF TEEN PREGNANCY ON AMERICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE -- INDEED TEENAGERS WORLDWIDE -- REMAINS AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN. AND IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE HIGHEST TEEN PREGNANCY RATE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD.

WHILE THERE ARE NUMEROUS APPROACHES THAT YOUNG PEOPLE CAN TAKE TO ELIMINATE THE RISK OF TEEN PREGNANCY, THE ONE PRACTICE THAT IS COMPLETELY FAILSAFE IS SIMPLE ABSTINENCE -- THAT IS, THE CULTIVATION OF SOCIAL SKILLS THAT HELP YOUNG PEOPLE AVOID PLACING THEMSELVES AT RISK. IN FACT, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REPORTS THAT ABSTINENCE PROGRAMS ARE "CHANGING THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE OF APPROACHES TO TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND RISK AVOIDANCE."

THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE HAS WORKED AGGRESSIVELY TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY RATES IN VIRGINIA -- BY DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING AND/OR FUNDING DIVERSE PREGNANCY PREVENTION INITIATIVES. THE LATEST PROJECT TO BE LAUNCHED IS THE DYNAMIC TALK-2-ME TOOLKIT, A NOVEL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT HELPS PARENTS TALK TO THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT ELIMINATING BEHAVIOR THAT PLACES THEM AT RISK FOR TEEN PREGNANCY.

JOINING ME NOW IN THE STUDIO IS MS. GALE GRANT, DIRECTOR OF THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY, GALE.

[GALE]
THANK YOU FOR THE INVITE, TERRANCE.

[TERRANCE]
I'M VERY ANXIOUS, GALE, TO SHARE WITH OUR VIEWERS INFORMATION ON THE TALK-2-ME TOOLKITS, BUT WHY DEVELOP SUCH A PROGRAM?

[GALE]
NEARLY ALL TEENS -- NINETY-FOUR PER CENT -- AND MOST ADULTS -- NINETY-ONE PER CENT -- BELIEVE THAT TEENAGERS SHOULD BE GIVEN A STRONG MESSAGE FROM SOCIETY THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE SEX UNTIL THEY ARE AT LEAST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

[TERRANCE]

THAT SO MANY ADULTS AND TEENAGERS SHARE THAT SAME OPINION IS A STRONG MESSAGE IN ITSELF.

[GALE]

YES! AND AFTER MORE RESEARCH, THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE WORKED WITH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH TO DEVELOP THE TALK-2-ME TOOLKITS.

[TERRANCE]

LET'S BEGIN BY TELLING OUR VIEWERS A BIT MORE ABOUT THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE. WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM?

[GALE]

THE GOALS OF THE VAEI PROGRAM ARE TO -- REDUCE TEEN SEXUAL ACTIVITY, CREATE POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD DELAYING SEXUAL INVOLVEMENT AND ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO PROMOTE THE ABSTINENCE MESSAGE WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

[TERRANCE]

HOW IS THIS ACCOMPLISHED?

[GALE]

WELL, THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS ADOLESCENT SEXUAL RISK TAKING BEHAVIOR AND IT'S CONSEQUENCES BY PROMOTING SEXUAL ABSTINENCE. THIS IS ACHIEVED BY SUPPORTING ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH -- DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING STATEWIDE EFFORTS DESIGNED TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF ABSTINENCE AS A RISK AVOIDANCE STRATEGY -- DEVELOPING RELEVANT TRAINING AND RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS AND OTHERS COMMITTED TO TEACHING AND PROMOTING ABSTINENCE -- AND INVOLVING MAJOR YOUTH INFLUENCERS IN ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING ABSTINENCE DECISIONS. WE IDENTIFY YOUTH INFLUENCERS AS PARENTS, PEERS, EDUCATORS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND FAITH-BASED AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

[TERRANCE]

SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO ME. THERE APPEARS TO BE AN UNDERLYING, UNIFYING THEME THAT WORKS TO CREATE A SYNERGY OF DIVERSE GROUPS THAT SHARE A COMMON GOAL -- TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION.

[GALE]

ABSOLUTELY! IN THE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH WE WORK, PARENTS, HEALTH CARE WORKERS, EDUCATORS, SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS, AND INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH YOUTH -- ALL BECOME INVOLVED IN ABSTINENCE EDUCATION. COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A CLIMATE THAT IS

CONDUCTIVE TO FOSTERING THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY MATURE INTO ADULTS.

[TERRANCE]

OK! TALK TO ME! AS A PARENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN, I AM VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE NEW TALK-2-ME TOOLKITS. WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS OF THE TOOLKIT AND HOW ARE THEY USED?

[GALE]

THE TOOLKIT OPENS TO A LETTER FROM VIRGINIA STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. ROBERT B. STROUBE THAT SPEAKS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENT-CHILD COMMUNICATION AS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE TALK-2-ME TOOLKIT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE VIRGINIA FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION STANDARDS OF LEARNING – THE SOL'S. DR. STROUBE REFERS TO THIS COMPATIBILITY IN HIS LETTER.

THE CENTERPIECE OF THE TOOLKIT IS AN INTERACTIVE CARD GAME THAT ALLOWS PARENT AND CHILD TO DISCUSS AND EXPLORE -- TOGETHER -- A GREAT VARIETY OF CHALLENGING SITUATIONS IN WHICH TEENAGERS AND PRE-TEENS MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES. THE TOOLKIT ALSO INCLUDES SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

THESE INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE GUIDE THAT ILLUSTRATES HOW THE EXPLORATION, INTERPRETATION AND STUDY OF THESE SITUATIONS TRACK ALONG WITH THE VIRGINIA FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SOL'S -- FOR GRADE LEVELS FIVE THROUGH NINE. THE RESOURCE GUIDE INCORPORATES LESSONS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL.

ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS A TALK-2-ME CD THAT INCLUDES SAMPLE CONVERSATIONS AND THE "JUST THOUGHT YOU OUGHTA KNOW" VIDEO, WHICH FEATURES TEENAGERS SHARING FACTS ON SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

LASTLY, THE TOOLKIT INCLUDES A SURVEY FOR PARENTS TO COMPLETE THAT ALLOWS THEM TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM IN THEIR INTERACTION WITH THEIR CHILD ON ISSUES OF SEXUALITY AND PREGNANCY PREVENTION.

[TERRANCE]

SO HOW DOES THE TOOLKIT WORK?

GALE

THE CARD GAME PROVIDES NUMEROUS SCENARIOS THAT REQUIRE THE PLAYERS -- PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN -- SUGGEST POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR EACH SITUATION. THE GAME INTRODUCES THE PLAYERS TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT REAL-LIFE DILEMMAS AND THE PLAYERS MUST COME UP WITH

SOLUTIONS. THE GAME ALLOWS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF A MYRIAD OF POSSIBILITIES.

[TERRANCE]

THAT CERTAINLY SOUNDS AS THOUGH IT ALLOWS FOR SOME VERY LIVELY DISCUSSION. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHARACTERS THAT THE GAME PLAYERS MEET AND WHAT SORT OF SITUATIONS DO THESE CHARACTERS ENCOUNTER?

[GALE]

WELL, THERE IS "RAMOND," WHO ENCOUNTERS SOME OF HIS SCHOOLMATES - BOYS - WHO ARE TALKING ABOUT TAKING AN ABSTINENCE PLEDGE. BUT RAMOND ISN'T SURE IF HE SHOULD OR NOT BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HIS FRIENDS ARE GOING TO THINK. HIS DILEMMA IS TO DECIDE IF TAKING THE PLEDGE A GOOD IDEA?

THERE IS ALSO "ASHLEY," WHO LEARNS THAT HER FRIEND BEVERLY IS HAVING A BOY-GIRL PARTY, WHILE HER PARENTS ARE OUT OF TOWN. ASHLEY DOESN'T WANT TO LIE TO HER PARENTS, BUT DOESN'T THINK THAT THEY WILL LET HER GO -- IF THEY KNOW THAT BEVERLY'S PARENTS WON'T BE AT HOME. ASHLEY WANTS TO GO TO THE PARTY. THE SITUATION IS THAT ASHLEY MUST BE TOLD WHAT TO DO.

AND THEN THERE'S "DERRICK." DERRICK'S SITUATION IS THAT HIS MOM WAS CLEANING UP HIS ROOM AND FOUND AN ADULT MAGAZINE. SHE WAS VERY SURPRISED AND WANTED TO KNOW WHERE DERRICK GOT THE MAGAZINE. DERRICK TELLS THE PLAYERS WHAT HAPPENED. THE PLAYERS MUST DETERMINE HOW HE SHOULD REACT TO THE SITUATION.

THERE'S ALSO "RAQUEL." A GROUP OF RAQUEL'S FRIENDS ARE GOING TO A MOVIE THAT WILL PUT HER OUT PAST HER CURFEW. RATHER THAN RISKING A FIGHT WITH HER PARENTS, RAQUEL IS THINKING ABOUT GOING TO BED EARLY AND THEN SNEAKING OUT. THE PLAYERS MUST DECIDE WHAT RAQUEL SHOULD DO.

THESE ARE JUST FOUR OF THE FORTY CHARACTERS AND SITUATIONS THAT THE PLAYERS ENCOUNTER.

[TERRANCE]

SO THERE ARE INDEED A VARIETY OF SITUATIONS THAT THE TALK-2-ME PLAYERS ENCOUNTER. GENERALLY, WHAT SORT OF TOPICS ARE COVERED?

[GALE]

THE DISCUSSION SCENARIOS ARE VERY BROAD AND COVER A VARIETY OF TOPICS SUCH AS PEER PRESSURE, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE, POSTPONING SEXUAL INVOLVEMENT, SEXUAL ACTIVITY, ABSTAINING, HARASSING AND BULLYING BEHAVIOR, DATING, BREAKING CURFEW AND MANY OTHER TOPICS.

[TERRANCE]

WHAT IS THE AGE RANGE OF THE CHILDREN THAT THE TALK-2-ME TOOLKIT TARGETS?

[GALE]

WELL, THE TOOLKITS ACTUALLY TARGET PARENTS, BUT PARENTS OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TEN AND FOURTEEN.

[TERRANCE]

I KNOW, GALE THAT THE TALK-2-ME TOOLKIT HAS PROVEN A VERY POPULAR PROGRAM – THAT THEY ARE FLYING OFF THE SHELVES. I AM GOING TO GIVE OUR VIEWERS INFORMATION IN JUST A MOMENT ON HOW THEY CAN ORDER THE TOOLKITS FROM THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT WHAT IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS FOR OR WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE?

[GALE]

THEY CAN ACCESS THE VAEI WEBSITE AT:

[HTTP://WWW.VAHEALTH.ORG/ABSTINENCE/](http://www.vahealth.org/abstinence/) THEY CAN ADDRESS ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, 109 GOVERNOR STREET, 8TH FL-EAST, RICHMOND, VA 23219. OR THEY CAN CALL US TOLL FREE AT 1-877-226-9248.

[TERRANCE]

[TO CAMERA]

IF YOU ARE THE PARENT OF A CHILD BETWEEN TEN AND FOURTEEN YEARS OLD AND WOULD LIKE TO GET A TALK-2-ME TOOLKIT – ABSOLUTELY FREE – CALL THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT (757) 683-8836. THAT'S (757) 683-8836.

[TERRANCE]

GALE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY AND SHARING INFORMATION ON THE DYNAMIC, EXCITING TALK-2-ME TOOLKIT PROGRAM. AS WE CLOSE, I WANTED TO REMIND OUR VIEWERS THAT THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE IS ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS DIVERSE EFFORTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS THAT TEEN PREGNANCY REMAINS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.

[TERRANCE]

REMEMBER! TO CONTACT THE VIRGINIA ABSTINENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE, CALL TOLL FREE 1-877-226-9248. AND IF YOU WANT TO ORDER A TALK-2-ME TOOLKIT FROM THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CALL (757) 683-8836.

HEALTHWATCH Norfolk's tuberculosis treatment program

WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY DEFINES A SPITTOON AS A "JAR LIKE CONTAINER TO SPIT INTO, A CUSPIDOR " – A FITTING SYMBOL FOR AN AWARD GIVEN TO HARDWORKING PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF WHOSE EFFORTS EXCEL IN COMBATING TUBERCULOSIS.

EACH YEAR, THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GIVES THE COVETED SPITTOON AWARD TO A HEALTH DISTRICT WHOSE TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION PROGRAM RECORDS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO COMPLETE TUBERCULOSIS THERAPY WITHIN THEIR REGION – THAT IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT COMPLETE THERAPY DURING A PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF TIME AND WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PATIENTS COMPLETING DIRECTLY OBSERVED THERAPY.

THIS YEAR, AS IN TWO-THOUSAND ONE -- THE YEAR THAT THE AWARD WAS FIRST GIVEN – THE NORFOLK HEALTH DISTRICT WAS GIVEN THE PRIZED SPITTOON.

GOOD DAY! -- I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND THIS IS HEALTHWATCH.

THE TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM OF THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE BUSIEST PROGRAMS IN THE STATE. RECENTLY, NORFOLK HEALTH DISTRICT STAFF WERE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE EASTERN REGION TRAVELING SPITTOON AWARD.

HERE TO TELL US MORE ABOUT THE AWARD AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE RESIDENTS OF NORFOLK IS CONNIE OVERTON, A PUBLIC HEALTH SENIOR NURSE AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK YOU CONNIE FOR JOINING US TODAY.

**[CONNIE]
THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME, TERRANCE.**

**[TERRANCE]
DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU ON THE SHOW. CONNIE, WHAT MAKES THIS AWARD SO SPECIAL?**

**[CONNIE]
WELL, TERRANCE, LET ME FIRST SAY THAT ALL OF THE HEALTH DISTRICTS IN EACH OF THE FIVE REGIONS OF THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WORK DILIGENTLY IN THE AREAS OF TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT AND PREVENTION. THE REASON THE SPITTOON AWARD IS SO IMPORTANT IS THAT IT ACKNOWLEDGES SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN ELIMINATING THE BARRIERS IN TUBERCULOSIS CARE. THE THEME OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL IS TO “DETECT, TREAT AND COMPLETE.”**

**[TERRANCE]
YOU MENTIONED BARRIERS TO TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS GETTING CARE. WHAT KIND OF BARRIERS?**

[CONNIE]

THE TRADITIONAL AND MOST PREVALENT BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE TUBERCULOSIS CARE ARE HOMELESSNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND HIV INFECTION.

[TERRANCE]

OF THOSE BARRIERS, WHICH IS THE MOST PREVALENT TO PATIENTS RECEIVING CARE?

[CONNIE]

THAT WOULD BE SUBSTANCE ABUSE. EIGHTY PER CENT OF OUR TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS HAVE A SUBSTANCE ABUSE **ISSUE**.

[TERRANCE]

BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME I THINK TO DISCUSS TUBERCULOSIS SYMPTOMS MIGHT BE.

[CONNIE]

YES, THE SYMPTOMS OF TUBERCULOSIS ARE MUCH LIKE SYMPTOMS OF THE FLU – COUGHING, FEVER, LOSS OF APPETITE, NIGHT SWEATS AND UNEXPLAINED WEIGHT LOSS. HOWEVER, IF THESE SYMPTOMS PERSISTS FOR LONGER THAN TWO TO THREE WEEKS – THE TYPICAL LENGTH OF TIME IN WHICH INFLUENZA SYMTPOMS BEGIN TO ABATE – THIS MIGHT BE AN INDICATION OF THE ONSET OF TUBERCULOSIS AND THE PATIENT SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL CARE.

[TERRANCE]

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE SPITTOON AWARD IS GIVEN FOR THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO COMPLETE THERAPY DURING A PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF TIME. TELL US MORE ABOUT THAT TIME PERIOD.

[CONNIE]

YES, THE GUIDELINES STATE THAT THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD MUST HAVE ADHERED TO THE COMPLETION OF DIRECTLY OBSERVED THERAPY WITH PATIENTS RECEIVING THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF DOSES WITHIN SIX MONTHS OR THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOSES DURING A YEAR.

HEALTHWATCH IS A MONTHLY HEALTH UPDATE PRESENTED BY THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, OR IF YOU HAVE A HEALTH TOPIC THAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO DISCUSS, PLEASE CALL US AT 683-2756. THAT'S 683-2756! I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND THIS HAS BEEN HEALTHWATCH.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Norfolk, VA—The Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the June performances in its *Arts Within Reach* series. From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports free programs that bring great art to Norfolk communities. ***Arts Within Reach*** features free performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere.

June

4 (Sat.) 11:00 a.m. Tidewater Classical Guitar Society president **Sam Dorsey**, with Carter Melin (cello), Jorge Aguirre (violin) and Guitar Society guitarists, present eclectic array of music, from Renaissance to modern day, with arrangements for solo guitar to guitar orchestra.

Sam Dorsey, founder of the Tidewater Classical Guitar Society, is Associate Professor of Music and Humanities at Norfolk State University. As President of the Tidewater Classical Guitar Society, he has been a moving force in bringing to the area artists of international acclaim. He has performed with the Virginia Chorale, Virginia Opera, Virginia Stage Company and Virginia Symphony as well as a solo artist throughout the U.S. and in Switzerland, Italy, Puerto Rico and Costa Rica.

22 (Weds.) 6:30 p.m. – The United States Air Force Tradewinds Quintet, presents a unique blend of music spanning more than 250 years, on flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon. *The Pagoda Garden Teahouse and Gallery, 265 W. Tazewell Street 664-4321*

The USAF Tradewinds Quintet's repertoire draws from classical selections by such composers as Mozart and Hindemith, intertwined with popular and patriotic works. The quintet's versatility stems from their educational background and experience. Comprised of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon, the quintet is part of the USAF Heritage of America Band, a 60-member band based at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The quintet is suited to perform in such varied venues as schools, museums, hospitals, retirement centers and formal concert halls. In addition to formal concerts the quintet presents master classes and clinics on the elementary, secondary and collegiate levels. The Tradewinds Quintet is a welcome and exciting addition to any musical or cultural event. *(continued)*

Arts Within Reach, produced by the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a series of free performances showcasing Norfolk performing arts organizations and artists. The series introduces audiences to the arts in an informal atmosphere that

encourages interaction between performer and audience. All *Arts Within Reach* performances are **free and open to the public**. Inquiries can be made at 664-4321.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Treasure Island at Norfolk Botanical Garden

Did you know that in the 1970s Norfolk Botanical Garden was well known for its Treasure Island exhibit? Ship Hispanola, built to exact size from plans acquired from Newport News shipyard, made its home at NBG's very own Treasure Island. Guests ventured across a rope bridge that connected the garden to Treasure Island where they were greeted with sword-fighting pirates and a cave to explore. In 2005 NBG is reviving its very own Treasure Island in a bigger and better way with interactive themed destinations located throughout the garden!

June 19, 2005 Exhibit Grand Opening

October 2, 2005 Exhibit Closes

Norfolk Botanical Garden Spring Special Events

Norfolk Botanical Garden June 2005 Program Schedule

BIRDING IN THE GARDEN THURSDAYS

Look for nesting & migratory bird activity on this guided tour through the Garden. Local birding expert Bob Yurchuck will introduce you to some of the 95 bird species that can be found in our big backyard.

MORNING BIRD WALK • June 2nd • 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10 (\$4 for NBG Members)

BIRDING BY BOAT • June 16th • 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$12 (\$6 for NBG Members)

Class min: 5 / max: 15

WALK & TALK SERIES GARDENER'S CHOICE

Tour the best of what's in bloom on this behind-the-scenes stroll. See the Garden in a whole new light when you walk with those who make it grow!

Offered the second Friday of each month from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

June 10th

Cost: \$10 (\$4 for NBG Members)

STONE TROUGHS

Tuesdays • June 7th & 14th • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join Mark Weathington, NBG Director of Horticulture, in this two-day hands-on workshop making rustic cement garden planters. The first day dress for mess - you'll be mixing cement and other items to mold into your container. The next week you'll finish shaping the container and fill it with an assortment of plants to complete the project. Participants will be given a recipe to grow moss on the container once a weathered patina has developed.

Cost: \$45 (\$35 for NBG Members)

Class min: 10/ max: 25

CURATOR'S CORNER

Learn more about plants and gardening from our experts. Join our professional horticultural staff as they share their knowledge and experience and inspire new ideas for your own garden.

TUESDAY • June 21st • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

VEGETABLE GARDENING

Melissa Butler, Curator of Herbaceous Plants

It's not too late for delicious home grown vegetables!

Learn the basics to a successful vegetable garden. Soil preparation, variety selection, planting, pest control, fertilization, and harvesting will be covered.

Cost: \$12 per program (\$6 per program for NBG Members)

SUMMER TWILIGHT TOUR

Wednesday • June 22nd • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Take a stroll in the twilight hours with NBG Education Program Manager Perry Mathewes. Enjoy the beauty of the Garden on an early summer evening and discover the beauty of flowers that bloom when the day fades away.

Cost: \$10 (\$4 for NBG Members)

KAYAKING ON LAKE WHITEHURST

Sponsored by Sandbridge Eco Sports

SUNSET PADDLE

Thursday • June 23rd • 6:00 p.m. - Sunset

Enjoy a calm evening, paddle with experienced guide Chuck Conley, and explore the world of wild creatures that inhabit the shores and waters of Lake Whitehurst. Kayaks and other necessary equipment supplied.

Cost: \$40 per trip (\$30 per trip for NBG Members)

Class min: 10 / max: 20

LUNCH & LEARN

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Bring your brown bag or reserve a box lunch and sit in on this exciting new series. This summer spend one lunch hour a month learning how to be a better gardener with NBG experts sharing tips and ideas. Offered the fourth Friday of each month.

June 24th • GARDENING IN THE SHADE

Cost: \$10 (\$4 for NBG Members)

Box Lunches: \$10 must be pre-ordered

New for the summer... have a plant problem or identification inquiry?

The Doctor is in!

NBG's Plant Doctor is available immediately following the Lunch & Learn programs in Baker Hall Visitor Center.

LOCAL GROWERS

June 25th

Meet local expert gardeners in Chesapeake who specialize in the full spectrum of gardening opportunities. First stop, Pine Ridge Perennials, where Janet Hong specializes in landscaping and hybridizing of daylilies & iris. Next visit will be to the vast raised beds of Walt & Aurie Baldwin, who grow many perennials and incorporate fruits & vegetables into their landscape. Enjoy a box lunch in Nature's Classroom at the Chesapeake Arboretum and tour this untouched natural habitat.

Cost: \$45 (\$35 for NBG Members)

Class min: 10 / max: 12

REGISTRATION INFORMATION • register online • www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs unless otherwise indicated.

Register online, by phone, mail and fax, or in person.

Become a member and receive a discount on classes & much more! Your membership fee may be included with registration. Classes fill quickly — register early!

THE HEUTTE HORTICULTURAL LIBRARY

located in the Education Building is an excellent resource for information on all aspects of gardening.

Only members may check out books, but everyone is welcome to use the library for reference.

FREE coffee on Saturday and Sunday!

Library hours are:

SATURDAY 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. • SUNDAY 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Also during the week by appointment and before evening adult education classes and members' lectures.

As the summer tour season swings into action, come out and meet our outstanding Guides and see what is new in the Garden. Hop on a shuttle, which leaves from the front of Baker Hall Visitor Center on the top and bottom of every hour starting at 10:00 a.m. The final shuttle leaves at 4:30 p.m.. Boat Tours begin at 10:45 a.m. leaving at a quarter till the hour. The last boat is 3:45 p.m. Shuttles are included in admission and free to NBG members. There is an additional fee of \$3 for adult boat tickets, \$2 for kids 4-18, children 3 and under are free.

FAMILY FUN IN THE GARDEN

GARDEN STARS Sponsored by Back Bay Amateur Astronomers

Saturdays • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Have you *really* seen the man on the moon? Bring that telescope out of the closet and let the experts show you how to use it. Come out and take a look through a large telescope at the moon and planets, star clusters, galaxies & more! Learn about the sky and your place in the universe.

June 18th

Cost: \$16 (\$10 for NBG Members)

Children under 16 free with paying adult

BIKE NIGHTS

If cycling is your family's speed, bring your bikes and tour the Garden on two wheels!

Explore our 12 miles of paths Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

June 5th – September 29th

On Sundays, pedal past petals even longer! Join us from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

2005 FAMILY OVERNIGHT CAMP

SHIVER ME TIMBERS

June 18th and 19th

How'd you like to spend the night here in the Garden? Get a sneak peak at the 2005 summer exhibit *Treasure Island*. Make a pirate hat to wear as you take a night hike. Scour the Garden using a treasure map to find the pirate ship, rope bridge and sand pit. Come dressed in your favorite pirate costume. Bring only your tent, sleeping bag, flashlight and marshmallows and we'll provide the rest! Enjoy Saturday afternoon

relaxing and exploring the Garden then join us for a cookout-style or catered dinner, evening activities for the whole family, campfire and breakfast in the morning. We'll see you there!

Cost: \$20 per person, \$10 for children 5 and under

Time: Arrive between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Break camp by 11:00 a.m.

Sunday. Campouts are held rain or shine. If cancelled at the Garden's discretion a full refund will be given.

AHOY MATES!! It's a TREASURE HUNT BIRTHDAY

We're flying the Jolly Roger and setting sail to scavenge the seas at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Our most popular birthday for children ages 3-5. Children go out into the Garden on a scavenger hunt for a hidden treasure chest filled with birthday surprises. Party includes welcome activity, guided program, and use of the classroom for 1 hour for cake and presents. Parents can arrive 30 minutes early to set up. Each child receives a gift bag with a free return pass to the Garden.

Cost: \$150 for 20 guests

GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS

Brownies and Juniors can discover the great outdoors through seven different Scout programs at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Girl Scout programs cost \$8 per Scout and include the program, a journal, the appropriate badge and a 30-minute narrated tram tour of the Garden.

Brownie Try-Its: Water Everywhere, Earth & Sky, Eco Explorer, Plants

Junior Badges: Water Wonders, Earth Connections, Wildlife

(minimum 6 Scouts - programs are scheduled by reservation)

WEBELO SCOUTS

Attention all future Foresters! Come discover the great outdoors through the Webelo Forester program at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Learn plant and tree layers, identify forest trees and plants, count tree rings and plant seedlings. Webelo Scout programs are \$7 per Scout and include a 2-hour walking tour and a 30-minute narrated tram tour of the Garden. (minimum 6 Scouts - programs are scheduled by reservation)

NEW!! – GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMPS

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June 20 - 24 • Brownie Camp

June 27 - July 1 • Junior Camp

Enjoy a week outdoors surrounded by blooming glory. Girls will interact with the Garden like never before. Enjoy a boat ride through the canal, plant in the garden; make cool crafts and much, much more.

See *Program Fun* for details. Call the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast at 547- 4405 to register. Cost: \$135.00 per camp

2005

NATUREkidsSUMMERcamp

June 27 – September 2

Camp Day: Campers are dropped off at 9:00 a.m. (no earlier please) and picked up at 4:00 p.m. (extended care is not available)

Snacks & Lunch: We supply a morning and afternoon snack. You provide lunch and a beverage.

Open to kids 5 to 10 (sorry, no exceptions)

Cost: \$180 per week (\$155 per week for NBG members)

Send an additional camper and receive \$25 off weekly fee

Week 1 □ June 27–July 1 □ Dig Deeper and Branch Out

Plants are a vital part of planet Earth. They are the beginning of the food chain and provide nourishment for both animals and people. Campers will spend the week learning the importance and benefits of plants to our lives and our environment. Visit some of the tallest plants on the planet and some of the oldest too!

Week 2 □ July 5–July 8 □ This Land is Your Land

Discover the men and women who made this nation great. Learn how people lived during the early years of our country. No electricity, no phones, no cars – how did they do it?

Note: this week is shortened because of the Fourth of July holiday

Cost: \$144 (\$124 NBG Members)

Week 3 □ July 11–15 □ Weathering Heights

Investigate the science of meteorology and how weather affects gardens. Explore rainbows, the myths of weather and the tools meteorologists use. Take imaginary flights to far off lands to discover vegetation and gardening in different environments and cultures.

Week 4 □ July 18–22 □ Treasure Island

A new theme for a treasured week. Immerse yourself in a world of water conservation, fresh water ecology and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Set sail for Treasure Island on Pirate Day and explore the Garden by boat. Use a pirate map to search for hidden treasure, make a pirate hat, and design your own pirate flag. Don't forget sprinkler day is Friday!

Week 5 □ July 25–29 □ The Cycling Earth

Have you ever wondered where water comes from? How rocks are formed? How do plants use the air we breathe? This week we'll discover your inner Earth Scientist, and conduct experiments to find out how the earth continues to cycle.

Week 6 □ August 1–5 □ The Recycling Tradition

Discover the treasures that can be made from trash, learn about recycling, play a recycle relay. Use your imagination to invent the unimaginable. Then on Friday, join the Norfolk Botanical Garden Campers as they are judged in the 4th Annual Eco-Art Contest -- a camper's favorite.

Week 7 □ August 8–12 □ Don't Bug Me

If all the insects on Earth were piled together, they would weigh more than all the people! Discover how insects camouflage themselves and enjoy our Butterfly Garden. Good bugs and bugs gone bad!

Week 8 □ August 15-19 □ NBG Crossing

What's living at the Norfolk Botanical Garden? Not just plants! Learn about the animals that call the Garden home. Take a look at the cycles of life, hibernation, migration and infestation. We'll prowl around outside and discover the world of animals.

Week 9 □ August 22-26 □ Painting Pretty Flowers

Art is in the eye of the beholder. Practice and learn how to express yourself, create modern art and discover alternate art forms. Learn how gardens have played an important part in art through the centuries.

Week 10 □ August 29-September 2 □ What Haven't We Done?

Spend some more time outside before it's back to the books. During this final week of camp we'll play games, make crafts and even host a field day!

Bugs, Botany & Beyond!

Interesting and exciting new walking tours and discovery stations starting in May!

- Native Plant Garden Tour – Learn about the four communities recreated here that represent those indigenous to Southeastern Virginia. The tour describes the flora of the Bottomland-Hardwood Forest, Atlantic Cedar Stand, Longleaf Pine Stand and Bald Cypress-Tupelo Swamp. Find out their roles in the ecosystem, the benefits of planting natives and the problems that many invasive plants may cause.
- Rose Garden Walk – Stroll through the Bicentennial Rose Garden and learn about the history of these popular flowers. Find out about the many types of roses, their unique characteristics, and which ones do well in this region.
- Low-Allergen Gardening Tour – You don't have to suffer! If you're allergic to mold, pollen, or other plants, this tour will help you figure out what's safe – and unsafe – to grow in your garden. Learn about plants and design ideas that anyone can incorporate into their landscape, and lessen the exposure to offending allergens.
- Medicinal Plants – Take an in-depth look at many of the medicinal plants located in the Annette Kagan Healing Garden and other gardens on our grounds. Learn about their medicinal properties, historic and current uses, as well as proper raising and harvesting of medicinal plants.

- **Plants & People** – Take a look at the relationship between humans and plants and learn some of the overlooked values of plants in our everyday lives.
- **Tree Identification** – Do you see the forest or the trees? Find out how to identify trees by examining their leaves, bark, flowers, fruit and other characteristics. Discover how they grow and where in the forest you'll find different varieties.
- **A Gardener's Look at the Insect World** – Get a general overview of insects and the key role they play in the growth of plants in this walking tour to the Bristow Butterfly Garden. Discover the beneficial relationships insects have with plants, as well as the harmful ones. We'll pay special attention to butterflies, and examine the delicate balance between plants and insects in successful butterfly gardening.
- **Bird Habitats in the Backyard Garden** – This discovery station in the Wildflower Meadow will explore the resident birds of Southeastern Virginia. Learn what plants and gardening techniques will attract birds to your backyard, and what you can do to keep them coming back.
- **Bird's Eye View of the Bald Eagles** – Get up close and personal with the bird that is our National Emblem and the living symbol of America's freedoms. Observe a pair of eagles and their young eaglet in the heart of the Garden. Learn more about their habits and habitats. A viewing scope will be available, but you'll have to share, so bring your own binoculars for extended viewing time.

Topics and times of tours and discovery stations change daily. Call or stop by Baker Hall Visitor Center for more information.

CHRYSLER HALL

DISNEY'S THE LION KING

Group Tickets Now on Sale!!

Disney's The Lion King has been confirmed for a multiple-week limited engagement at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk beginning December 9th, 2005. This United States National Tour is currently one of nine productions running worldwide along with New York, Tempe, Sydney, London, Hamburg, Scheveningen, Tokyo and Nagoya. Opening night in Norfolk is set for Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 p.m., with preview performances on December 9th at 8:00 p.m. and December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for groups of (20) or more. A toll free number, 1-888-500-BWAY (2929), is available for group ticket information and to place an order. Groups should order now to get the best seats before tickets go on sale to the general public in June 2005.

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

The Fine Art of Jazz

Enjoy more of what the Chrysler has to offer

The Chrysler continues its special Wednesday night offerings with a fabulous new season of exhibitions, programs, tours, and of course, *The Art of Jazz* Series. In addition to live jazz, the Museum will continue to host *The Fine Art of Wine*—an informal wine tasting on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 6 p.m.

Farm Fresh's Wine Depot provides the wine education; the Museum provides great music, magnificent art, and a beautiful setting. Museum admission is voluntary and light fare is available.

The fabulous performers scheduled for the next several weeks are listed below. Join us.

Jazz Line Up

June 1 - Swing Time

June 8 - Charles Darden

June 15 - Jim Newsom

June 22 - Reggie Gist

June 29 - Anna Gunn

Jazz acts will perform from 6:15 - 8:45 p.m.

CAMP CHRYSLER--Let the Sparks Fly in July

Camper's imaginations will be sparked and ignited at the Chrysler by creating visual and performing art. Each morning campers have the opportunity to explore galleries and create artworks. Afternoons will be spent with Steve Kohrherr, children's theatre specialist, creating a unique theatre production that will be present at the end of each week. The week will be fun-filled, exciting, and full of surprises. Join us for an illuminating good time.

July 11-15 ages 6- 8
time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 18- 22 ages 9-12
time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (an early release on
Friday afternoon)

Cost: \$175 for Museum Members / \$250 for non-Museum members (this includes a one-year Household membership)

Registration: April 1-June 3. For additional information, please contact Channon Dillard at (757) 333-6239 or cdillard@chrysler.org.

Save the Date

In addition to Camp Chrysler, half-day art workshops will be offered during the week of July 25 – 29. Students will have an opportunity to explore themes found in the Permanent Collection and create their own original artwork. Morning sessions from 9 a.m. – 12 noon will be offered for children aged 6 – 8; afternoon sessions from 1 – 4 p.m. will be offered for children 9 – 12. For more information, please contact Channon Dillard at 333-6239. (Registration will end June 24).

SUNDAY SURPRISES

Sunday Surprises are included with Museum admission or free to Museum Members.

Sunday, June 19, 2 – 4 p.m.

For the Love of God: Music of the Middle Ages

During the 7th century, music was very simple and based on devotional chant. By the end of the mid-15th century, it had become very sophisticated, with complex interplay between instruments and voices. Despite all of the changes throughout the period, people believed that music was an integral part of the cosmos reflecting the love of God, whether celebrating the holiness of the Virgin Mary or the beauty of a beloved. Join Aurora, a duo of harp and voice, as they perform instrumental and vocal music in the Chrysler's Medieval Gallery. Cost: included with Museum admission.

PARTNERS IN PROGRAMMING

NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Before European settlers landed on American shores, bald eagles numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Now endangered, they once existed along both coasts – from Labrador to southern Florida, Baja California to Alaska – and everywhere in between. The bald eagle was chosen June 20, 1782 as the emblem of the United States not only due to its longevity, strength, and majesty, but also because it was believed to inhabit only North America.

This past December, a pair of nesting bald eagles relocated to Norfolk Botanical Garden from the Norfolk International Airport. During the nesting period, visitors to the Garden will have the opportunity to observe bald eagles in a natural habitat. The Museum has teamed up with the Garden to present an informative educational brochure, *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art*, that tells more about eagles and the appropriation of their image in

art and national symbolism. *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art* will be available at both the Museum and Norfolk Botanical Garden while supplies last.

TICKLE MY EARS: STORIES AND ART AT THE CHRYSLER

Tickle My Ears is a program for pre-kindergarten children that meets on the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. for stories, songs, and surprises that help young children appreciate art. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call 333-6239 for group reservations. In addition, the Norfolk Public Library's Kirn Memorial Branch will suggest a list of books related to the chosen topic. A reading passport will encourage children and their caregivers to read at the library and return to the Museum for a "treat." Cost: included with Museum admission; children under 12 are free. This program has been generously funded by The Norfolk Foundation.

June 2: Moses Myers Historic House: The Garden

CURRENTLY ON VIEW AT THE CHRYSLER

Photography Speaks: Through May 22, 2005; Alice R. and Sol B. Frank

Photography Galleries. The current exhibition *Photography Speaks* highlights recent acquisitions to the Chrysler's impressive photography collection, including works by Mathew Brady, Southworth and Hawes, Adolph Braun, Andre Kertesz, James Abbe, Bob Lerner, Eikoh Hosoe, Rineke Dijkstra, Thomas Struth and Gabriel Orozco.

Photographs by Barbara Morgan; Now through August 28, 2005; Waitzer

Community Gallery. Also in conjunction with the 2005 Virginia Arts Festival, the Chrysler is please to present *Photographs by Barbara Morgan*. The show will consist of 20 photographs by Barbara Morgan of the legendary choreographer and dancer Martha Graham. The photographs are loaned by the estate of Barbara Morgan—Lloyd and Janet Morgan. For more information on the Martha Graham Dance group performances during this year's festival please call 282-2819 or visit www.virginiaartsfest.com

SENIORS ART FORUM

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum admission.

CHRYSLER CREATES

Each month, we offer two Chrysler Creates studio art classes, one for adults and one for children. The topic and instructor of each class change on a monthly basis. For more

information, to register, or to obtain a materials list, please visit our website or call 333-6268.

Adults: Watercolor Landscapes; Wednesdays, June 8, 15, 22, 29; 6-8 p.m.

Instructor: Lee Gerry Wertheimer. In this beginners/intermediate watercolor class, students will create landscapes based on Impressionist or Eastern examples in the Permanent Collection along with original works created *en plein air*. Students will develop an understanding of composition, design, color theory, and various watercolor techniques. No painting and drawing experience is necessary.

Cost: \$75 Museum Members, \$100 Non-Members, plus materials.

Children (6-8 years old): Animals in Art; June 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Kristen Turrietta. Students will tour the Museum's Permanent Collection looking for the many ways artists create and use animals in their art: how animals are represented and why, animal characteristics, strengths and weaknesses, and what they may symbolize or signify. We will consider animals both real and imaginary, and we will also pay attention to the shapes, sizes, textures, patterns and colors evident in animal art. Using a variety of media, students will create their own art, both two- and three-dimensional, with animals as subject matter.

Cost: \$50 Museum Members, \$75 Non-Members, plus materials.

d'ART CENTER

D'Art Center Schedules Reopening at Seldon

Wed., June 1, 2005 6-9pm - d'ART Nouveau ~ A Re-Opening Party- our Premiere Event - a Fund-raising Gala! Tickets are \$50.00 includes Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Beer, Live Entertainment and Creative Fun! At the Seldon Arcade on Main Street.

Sat., June 4, 2005, 5-7pm - 15th Annual Mid Atlantic Art Exhibition ~ "Open to All Media" Awards Reception - our Premiere Art Exhibition! Over 50 artists from around the country, including Ontario Canada, have been juried to participate. Exhibition runs through July 3, 2005. (Invitation and some artwork attached)

July 8, 2005 - Altered States Art Exhibition Opening, exhibition runs through August 28th

July 29, 2005 - Great American Dog and Cat Contest

d'Art Summer Classes Heating Up!

As the d'ART Center awaits the green light to move into Selden Arcade the Summer class and workshops schedules are in high gear. The d'Art Center new class schedule will start in June 2005, offering art instruction in a wide variety of mediums such as oil painting, calligraphy, pottery, watercolor, drawing, bead making.

To enroll call 625-4211 or visit d-artcenter.org.

BEGINNING DRAWING

Nancy Dooley, Instructor

For those who want to learn to draw including those who have never drawn before and more experienced students who want a refresher course. This course will develop visual acuity, discipline and the ability to analyze through drawing. Value, composition, perspective, shading, gesture and line will be studied. Open to ages 15 and up.

8 Sessions: Thurs. June 16-Aug. 4 3:00-5:00 PM

Tuition: \$110 includes parking

OIL PAINTING

Anne McNally, Instructor

Students will learn to see shapes instead of lines in this ‘paint what you see – not what you know’ approach. Individual instruction will be emphasized in this “Impressionistic” method with focus on subject matter, composition, materials and personal __expression. Demonstrations and critiques will be included. Open to beginning and more advanced adults. Call for materials list.

8 Sessions: Thurs. June 16-Aug. 4 6-8 PM

Tuition: \$110 includes parking

SKETCHING WITH WATERCOLORS

Ray Hershberger, Instructor

Explore the fascination of watercolor. Focus will be on learning to sketch with the medium for a spontaneous approach. Emphasis will be on understanding of tone and shade, shape building and exploring mood and atmosphere through color. Students will learn color mixing, transparency, layering of color and how to control white spaces to create effective compositions. *For beginning/continuing students*

8 Sessions: Tues. June 14-Aug. 2 6-8 PM

Tuition: \$110 includes parking

INDIVIDUAL DIRECTIONS IN PAINTING

Karl Watson, Instructor

If you are looking for your artistic voice and need direction to make your paintings more effective, this is the class for you. Instruction ranges from painting exercises for beginners to the exploration of highly specific solutions of individualized problems for more experienced painters. Add in some lively art discussions and an occasional group

trip to local museums and you have ingredients for a fun learning experience. Mediums include oil, acrylic, and watercolor, your choice. *For beginning and experienced painters.*

8 Sessions: Wed. June 15-Aug. 3 6-8 PM

Tuition: \$110 includes parking

POTTERY: Handbuilding & Wheel

Elizabeth Sawyer, Instructor

This small class of hand building and wheel work will concentrate on basis skills and fundamentals of the medium as well as firing techniques and glaze applications. For beginning and more advanced students who wish to improve their skills. Personal expression and direction will be encouraged. Class limit: 7

8 Sessions: Thurs. June 16 - Aug. 4 5:45-8:00 PM

Tuition: \$125 Material/firing fee \$20 includes parking

HIGH FIRE PORCELAIN

Jim Chalkley, Instructor

Using the gas kiln to achieve a variety of glazes and special glaze techniques, students will work with translucent porcelain to create functional pottery including bowls, cups, vessels and teapots. For all levels of experience. For new and continuing students

8 Sessions: Wed. June 15-Aug. 3 5:45-8:00

Tuition: \$125 Material/firing fee \$25 includes parking

d'ART SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Altered books/Artistic journals

Lynne Sward, Instructor

Students will transform an existing book into a new work of art using easy, creative materials and techniques including photo transfer, paper altering, painting, stamping, and collage. Books can be personalized to become journals or sketchbooks, permanent records to preserve your artistic endeavors and future art work. No experience is necessary other than an open mind and lots of energy. For teens and adults. Call for materials list (all household items and basic art supplies) Bring a bag lunch.

Saturday, July 23 10:00-3:00, Tuition: \$38

Beaded jewelry workshop ~ Blooming Vine Bracelet

Jeanne Novak, Instructor

Learn to create an elegant hand sown beaded bracelet embellished with petit glass leaves and flowers. Students will be able to use this versatile multi-purpose rope technique in many different styles and designs. Great class for beginners as well as more advanced beaders. Choice of 2 colors groups. Open to teens and adults.

Saturday, July 16 10-12:30 PM, Tuition: \$32 Materials fee: \$10

MOSAIC TILE: Make it and Take it!

Mary Ann Gamboa, Instructor

Using bits of colored glass, tile and stone, students will learn the ages old process of mosaic art in one afternoon. Explore all aspects of the process including design, selection of materials, application, assemblage and completion. Students can bring favorite stones, bits of pottery or jewels to personalize their work. All materials provided. Great class for teens and adults.

Sunday, July 10 1:15-4:15pm Tuition: \$35

d'ART SUMMER CAMPS

ART'S COOL! d'ART CAMP ~ AGES 6-11

1st Session: *Ages 6-8* June 20-24 Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-2 PM

2nd Session: *Ages 8-11* July 18-22 Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-2 PM

3rd Session: *Ages 6-11* Aug. 22-26 Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-2 PM

Children will enjoy the experience of art for 5 straight fun-filled and creative days. Each day there will be projects in painting, drawing, clay and mixed media. Week concludes with an art show on Friday to showcase the week's work. Bring a bag lunch, snacks provided.

Instructors: All experienced in teaching children.

Tuition: \$140 materials fee: \$25 Each Session *Space is limited.*

ART'S HOT! d'ART CAMP ~ Ages 9-14

1st Session: June 27-July 1 Mon.- Fri. 9AM-2PM

2nd Session: July 25-29 Mon.- Fri. 9AM-2PM

Five days of art exploration in the study of painting, drawing and ceramics. Students will learn basic techniques, as they are encouraged to think creatively and to develop individual expression & confidence. Imagination and innovation are stressed. Bring a bag lunch, snacks provided.

Instructors: All experienced in teaching teens.

Tuition: \$140 materials: \$25 Each Session *Space is limited.*

NEW this FALL! ~ To make art accessible for patrons downtown, the d'ART Center is introducing new programs such as the Lunchtime classes and workshops, promoting creative expression in the midst of a busy work day.

Please call 625-4211 for enrollment information, or visit our website: www.d-artcenter.org

d'ART Center, Selden Arcade 208 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Our special events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process.

AFR'AM Fest, Saturday – Monday, May 28 – 30, 2005 Town Point Park

Every Memorial Day weekend, the state's oldest and largest African-American event is celebrated at Town Point Park. **AFR'AM FEST**, produced by the Southeastern Virginia Arts Association, is a commemoration of African-American culture and arts that annually attracts more than 200,000 attendees. For more information call (757) 216-7518.

Norfolk Festevents 2005 Season Calendar

June

June 10 – 12: 29th Annual **Norfolk Harborfest** - TPP

June 24 – 26: 16th Annual Cingular **Bayou Boogaloo and Cajun Food Festival** – TPP

June 24 – 27: Tall Ship, **Danmark** from Denmark – Norfolk Waterfront

July

July 1: **Shore Thing and Independence Day Celebration** – Ocean View Beach Park

July 4: 23rd Annual Cingular **4th of July Great American Picnic and Fireworks** – TPP

July 15 – 16: 23rd Annual Cingular **Norfolk Jazz Festival** – TPP

July 30: 2nd Annual Cingular **Bluegrass in the Park Festival** – TPP

Sundays, July 3, 10, 17, 24: Cingular **Town Point Sundays with Lewis McGehee** – TPP

Fridays: July 8 – August 26: **TGOV**, music entertainment – Ocean View Beach Park

August

August 20: 4th Annual **Norfolk Latino Festival** – TPP

Sundays August. 7, 14, 21, 28: Cingular **Town Point Sundays Concert Series** – TPP

September

Sept. 9 – 11: **Virginia In-Water Boat Expo** – Norfolk Waterfront

Sept. 9 – 11: 4th Annual Cingular **Norfolk Seafood Sampler and Beach Music Festival** – TPP

October

Oct. 1: 17th Annual Cingular **Virginia Children's Festival** – TPP

Oct. 7: Norfolk's Salute to **Fleet Week Concert** - TPP

Oct. 15 – 16: **18th Annual Cingular** Town Point Virginia Wine Festival - TPP

HERMITAGE FOUNDATION

The Hermitage Foundation Museum is open

On May 22, the Hermitage Foundation Museum officially reopened following restoration. Visitors can now see the Music Room, open for the first time after a two-year restoration following the 2003 fire which charred the carved bosses, oak-paneled walls, teak floors, and plaster ceiling. Destroyed in the fire was the intricately hand-carved rood screen encasing the 1938 Möller player organ, which was damaged but not lost completely. The beautiful rood screen has been re-created by California-based English carver, Ian Agrell, and has replaced the original work of art. Guests will be treated to music at the top and bottom of each hour respectively from the Steinway piano and newly repaired Möller organ.

Formerly home to the Sloane family, the Hermitage is surrounded by twelve acres of woodlands and gardens on the shore of the Lafayette River. The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. Two galleries feature changing art exhibitions. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, under 6, and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information call 757-423-2052 or visit www.hermitagefoundation.org.

HURRAH PLAYERS

Summer Camps: 3 Sessions - #1. **July 4th – 15th** #2. **July 18th – 29th** #3.
August 1st - 12

FOOTLOOSE

July 29, 2005 - 7:00 PM

July 30, 2005 - 3:00 PM

July 31, 2005 - 3:00 PM

Fall Session classes run September 12th – November 12th

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

October 7, 2005 – 7:00 PM

October 8, 2005 – 3:00 PM

October 8, 2005 – 7:00 PM

October 9, 2005 – 3:00 PM

October 14, 2005 – 7:00 PM

October 15, 2005 – 3:00 PM

October 15, 2005 – 7:00 PM

October 16, 2005 – 3:00 PM

Holidays in Virginia

December 9, 2005 – 7:00 PM

December 10, 2005 – 3:00 PM

December 11, 2005 – 3:00 PM

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and Happy Hanukkah, My Friend

December 10, 2005 – 7:00 PM

All shows are performed at the TCC Roper Center on Granby Street in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Call 627-5437 or visit www.hurrahplayers.com for more information.

Office Information:

The office is located at 935 Woodrow Avenue in Ghent.

Hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Laura Murphy: General Manager

Lisa Wallace: Box Office Manager

Hugh Copeland: Artistic Director

email: hurrahplayers@verizon.net

website: www.hurrahplayers.com

Hurrah Players also offers theatre classes for ages 5 - Adult through the year and camps in the summer.

LIBRARIES

FREE PROGRAMS

Norfolk Public Library offers a variety of free programs for people of all ages. These are just a few of the programs that are being offered. For a complete listing visit www.npl.lib.va.us or pick up a calendar of events at any NPL location.

1. Family Night PJ Storyhour. - What's the Buzz? 6:30 p.m., Thu, May 19. Busy bees are hanging around all the time, but what are they really after and why? Come and meet our special guest reader, a beekeeper, and find out all about bees, honey, and honeycombs. Don't miss our honey-of-a-good storyhour. A bedtime snack and juice will be provided. Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842
2. Daddy Dearest! 10:30 a.m., Thu, May 26. Father's Day is right around the corner so let's start getting ready for it by hearing stories such as "My Dad" and "The Very Best

Daddy of All." Age Groups: Preschool. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

3. NPL Online Databases. 10:15 a.m., Thu, Jun 9. Kirn Memorial Library. Discussion of the many valuable online electronic databases available through the NPL website. Prerequisite: Basic computer, mouse, and typing skills. Age Groups: Adults. *Computer Classes, 757-651-7596
4. Adult Book Club Meeting. 11:00 a.m., Wed, Jun 15. Join us for our monthly book discussion meeting. Group members read a different book each month, and enjoy lively discussions at our meetings. Refreshments will be served. Age Groups: Adults. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750
5. Have a Blast with Kangaroo Kerri, the Clown. 2:00 p.m., Sat, Jun 18. Blast off with us as we enter the world of Funtastic - our Summer Reading Program. The count down begins with a guest appearance by Kangaroo Kerri, the clown. Other Funtastic adventures include reading, crafts, special events, and loads of creative Funtastic activities. Our programs are SOL friendly. Oh, yes bring a friend. Age Groups: Family. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852
6. Young Audiences Presents Harold Wood's "Circus in a Suitcase." 2:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 22. From ringmaster to clown in Harold Wood's suitcase? Don't believe it? Come see this interactive show as one of many free programs offered through the summer. Age Groups: Family. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843
7. Teen Meeting for Summer Volunteer Orientation. 2:30 p.m., Wed, Jun 22. Join us to talk about Pretlow's Funtastic Summer Reading Club 2005. We are inviting teen volunteers aged 12 years and up to help us operate our SRC activities. Volunteer activities will include, but not be limited to, signing up SRC participants, helping with craft projects, and decorating the program room. Join us today to explore the options available. If you are unable to make it today, call us at 441-1750, and we will be happy to fill you in on the details. Age Groups: Teens. Pretlow Branch Library, 9640 Granby Street. 757-441-1750
8. NPL Valueline Research Center. 10:15 a.m., Thu, Jun 23. Kirn Memorial Library. Basic instruction on using the online Valueline Research Center to evaluate stocks. Prerequisite: Basic computer, mouse, and typing skills. Age Groups: Adults. *Computer Classes, 757-651-7596

9. It's Magic! 2:00 p.m., Thu, Jun 23. Join us for a program filled with mystery and enchantment as Susan Carmona entertains us with her magic tricks. Age Groups: School Age. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660
10. Irish Folk Dancers from The Reel Thing Dance Academy. 2:30 p.m., Thu, Jun 23. These young dancers in beautiful costumes will perform Irish jigs, reels, and more that will amaze plus delight the audience Age Groups: School Age. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844
11. SRC Kickoff: Young Audiences Presents Harold Wood's "Circus in a Suitcase." 2:00 p.m., Sat, Jun 25. Harold Wood, entertainer extra-ordinaire, is an award winning magician, juggler, and speaker. His "Circus in a Suitcase," brought to us by Young Audiences of Virginia, will have you howling as you join us for an afternoon of fun. Help us kickoff our Summer Reading Club (SRC) with this awesome entertainer! Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842
12. 2nd Annual Olympics and Lunch. 11:00 a.m., Tue, Jun 28. Come to the 2nd annual Olympics and Lunch. There will be games of skill and games of chance. A few new challenges have been added this year. Bring a bag lunch and eat on the library lawn afterwards. Please note time change. Age Groups: Family. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335
13. The Watsons Go To Birmingham Re-visited. 6:00 p.m., Tue, Jun 28. If you missed participating in All Norfolk Reads the first time, you're in luck! Every Tuesday evening starting July 5 through July 26, we will relive the adventures of the Watson family from "The Watsons Go to Birmingham", the award winning book by Christopher Paul Curtis. Join us for great book discussions and fun related activities. Register on June 28 and receive your free book and reading guide. Plus, earn a chance to enter into drawings for fun weekly prizes and the grand prize drawing. Age Groups: Teens. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323
14. Picking and a Telling. 2:30 p.m. Thu, Jun 30. Musician Amy Ferebee will be playing favorite songs with storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann doing stories for us. This is one event you don't want to miss. Age Groups: School Age. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844

MEETING NOTICES

Norfolk Alliance for People With Mental Retardation: May 19 and June 16, 2005 at 1161 Ingleside Road, 7:00-8:30 p.m. with social period beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Pat McKeil at 423-7609.

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

New Exhibit At The MacArthur Memorial Commemorates The 60th Anniversary Of The Liberation Of Civilian Internment Camps In The Philippines During World War II . More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three-year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005, the MacArthur Memorial opened a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition, which will be on display through February 28, 2006, examines the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign-born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps, Santo Tomás, Los Baños and Baguio, the exhibition offers insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

NAUTICUS

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Volunteers Needed. Nauticus, The National Maritime Center in downtown Norfolk, offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals age 14 and older. Do you love the beach and ocean? Are you interested in learning and sharing information about the ocean, bays, and rivers around us? Do you like to meet and work with interesting people? If so, volunteering at Nauticus is for you! We have positions available weekdays and weekends in the Aquarium, Gift Shop, Visitor Services, Cruise Ship, and Education Departments. To learn more about joining the Nauticus team as a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Office at 664-1043.

Ongoing Programs & Events

Saturday & Sunday, 1 p.m.

Eco Exploration. Discover plants and animals in our own waterway, The Elizabeth River, during this 30-minute hands-on discovery walk! Learn about biological conditions by collecting water and aquatic specimen samples. Plus, learn more about river ecology and the Chesapeake Bay.

Weekdays, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Shark Touch. What does a shark's skin feel like? If you're daring, you can find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Weekdays, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 3 p.m.

Grando Electro Show. Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Saturday & Sunday; 12:45 and 2:45 p.m.

Kiddie Tidepool and Storytime. Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

Saturday & Sunday; Noon

Battle Blast. Have a "blast" during Nauticus' newest science demonstration! Created in conjunction with the USS *Wisconsin*, this program investigates the science and technology behind the battleship and explores force, ballistics, density and combustion through a variety of hands-on experiments.

Weekdays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11a.m. & 4 p.m.

CoolScience. Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program sponsored in-part by BOC Gases.

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Shark Feeding. Watch Nauticus' live sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Saturday & Sunday, 2 p.m.

Weather Wonders.

Large-Format Films

Daily; selected times

The Living Sea. This large-format film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas! Follow a Remotely Operated Vehicle 3,000 feet down through the ocean depths to view strange creatures (one as long as a football field!), which live where sunlight never penetrates.

Daily; selected times

The Last Battleship: USS Wisconsin

Discover why the Battleship *Wisconsin* is one of the most unique battleships in the world. Experience the excitement and nostalgia as some of the world's largest guns fire from the deck for the last time. This half-hour documentary, produced by Wisconsin Public Television, chronicles the life of the Battleship *Wisconsin*, defines its unique place in history and profiles the courageous men who went to war on its decks.

ODU

The Old Dominion University Gallery

The Old Dominion University Gallery provides the University and regional communities with leadership through exhibitions of contemporary works of art and visual culture that inform, enlighten and educate viewers. Through a schedule of exhibitions by professional artists in all media the University Gallery presents artwork which demonstrates innovative concepts and processes and which introduces current ideas and observations on humanity made by visual artists. The Old Dominion University Gallery receives generous support from the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, the Mary Batten Jacobson Visiting Artist endowment, the Wally Dreyer Gallery Fund and the Telsa Leon Visiting Artist Fund. The Old Dominion University Gallery is located off-campus at 350 W. 21st Street in the Ghent section of Norfolk. Gallery hours are Tuesdays – Thursday 12-3, Fridays and Saturdays 12-5pm and Sundays 1-4pm. Please call 757.683.2355 or check the website at <http://www.odu.edu/al/art/gallery> for more information.

Gallery closed for installation May 30 – June 4 till 7 pm reception

June 4 – July 10

Koole/ Kramm

In the work of both of these artists, questions are asked and left unanswered. Things are either “confused or forgotten.” Thomas Koole, currently is a ceramics instructor at Middlesex County College in Edison, NJ. His ceramic installation pieces assess the functionality of communication. Wade Kramm is an adjunct professor of three-dimensional design at Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, RI. Using “pseudo-scientific techniques” Kramm creates interactive and photographic pieces that challenge what we think we know.

Reception: Saturday, June 4, 7:00pm

Gallery closed for installation July 11 – July 16 till 7 pm reception

July 16 – August 21

Trope

Identifying one thing with another that has a connotation familiar to the viewer conveys the meaning of the work of these three artists. Familiar materials tell a different story when arranged in unfamiliar applications. Electrical hardware forms the household furniture and objects by Ben Schachter, teacher at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY. The delicate and exquisite glass sculptures by Rochester Institute of Technology Adjunct Professor, Heather Jones appear as science projects manifested. Finally, Minnesota State University teacher Jason Englehardt's chalkboard drawings and children's clothing installations create a world other than the pedagogical.

Reception: Saturday, July 16, 7:00pm

Gallery closed for installation August 22 – August 27 till 7 pm reception

August 27 – September 25

"Lost" Communities of Virginia Photographic Exhibit

Have you ever veered off the highway far enough to find a town whose buildings reveal the passage of time and seem to stand, now, only as reminders of a thriving past? A quiet envelops the echoes of "boom" times in the voices of the older residents and an almost desolate landscape that belies the activity seen in their eyes as they recall their own memories in this place. The twenty-two original "Lost" Communities of Virginia exhibit prints, by Kirsten Sparenborg, are presented with a description of the idea and execution of the "Lost" Communities of Virginia project and a map locating the communities within the state. This is a project of the Community Design Assistance Center (CDAC), an outreach center in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS) of Virginia Tech.

Reception: Saturday, August 27, 7:00pm

Gallery closed for installation September 26 – October 3 till 5 pm reception

October 3 – November 6

Rudy VanderLans/Emigre

An exhibition of ten large format digital print pieces by one of the principals of Emigre, representing its history and the history of text design. *Emigre*, a magazine founded in 1984 as a cultural journal to showcase artists, photographers, poets, and architects, coincided with the birth of the Macintosh. Emigre was one of the first independent type foundries to establish itself centered on this personal computer technology. It is also a digital type foundry, publisher and distributor of graphic design related software and printed materials based in Northern California. VanderLans is presented as part of "Crossings", October 3-7 the 2005 Old Dominion University Literary Festival. 2005 represents the sixth year of Gallery participation in the Festival.

VanderLans will give a talk on Monday, October 3, at 5:00pm at the gallery preceding the opening reception.

Gallery closed for installation November 7 – November 12 till 7 pm reception

November 12 – December 18

Exhibitionists 4

An exhibition of artwork by the 2005—2006 studio scholarship award winners from the ODU Art Department.

Reception: Saturday, November 12, 7:00pm

Gallery closed December 19, 2005 – January 21, 2006 till 7 pm reception

VIRGINIA ROVER

Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises Starting 5th Season. Rover Cruises is pleased to announce that sight seeing cruises aboard the Victory Rover will began again on March 1st. The Victory Rover offers daily 2 Hour Narrated Cruises of the Norfolk Naval Base. Cruises depart from Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, home of the Battleship Wisconsin in Downtown Norfolk. Guests are entertained with a fascinating commentary about the ships of the World's Largest Navy Base. Weather is never a problem as guests can enjoy the sights from the climate controlled main cabin. Combo tickets which offer discounted admission for the cruise and Nauticus are available.

Rover Cruises operates both the Victory Rover and the American Rover Tall Ship cruises from the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

(757) 627-7406

www.navalbasecruises.com

Ticket Prices: Victory Rover

Adults \$15

ZOO

Summer Safari Camp. Registration is now open for Summer Safari 2005 at your Virginia Zoo. Summer goes wild with an exciting week of animal-related activities, games and fun. One-on-one animal encounters drive the desire to discover and experience the world of nature at your Virginia Zoo's Summer Safari Camps. Summer sizzles June 27 through August 26 with week long camp sessions for children ranging 4 - 14 years. Extended care is available daily and every camper receives a Summer Safari T-shirt. Sessions fill fast and registration is available by calling (757) 441-2374 ext. 229 or by visiting www.virginiazoo.org.

NOMINATION FORM
VIRGINIA STATEWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE
2005 AWARDS PROGRAM

Category (Please check which one you are nominating)

- _____ State Neighborhood of the Year (effort or project)
_____ State Neighborhood Advocate of the Year (individual)
_____ State Neighborhood Youth of the Year (effort, project, group or individual)

Name of Nominee: (Neighborhood, Group or Person)

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Nominator: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE: The project or effort for a neighborhood of the year or youth effort must have been completed in 2004 or 2005 to be eligible. ***As attachment(s), please provide the following:***

1. Describe the nominee's outstanding project, program, effort or activity and how it/they contributed to the betterment of a neighborhood(s): (You may attach reference letters, articles, photos, etc. for consideration.)
2. How did the nominee's accomplishments promote the goal of strengthening and enhancing neighborhoods?
3. What are some positive results related to this neighborhood's, group's or this person's accomplishment(s)? (e.g. number of people impacted, actions taken, benefits).

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED NOMINATIONS BY MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005 TO:

Ronald L. Higgins, AICP, Planning Manager
Department of Neighborhood Development Services
City of Charlottesville
610 East Market Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902
e-mail: higginro@charlottesville.org

If you have questions, please call (434) 970-3995.

NOMINATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER JULY 25TH WILL BE RETURNED.

Regional Re-entry Conference Registration Form

This one day conference includes a wealth of information sharing, three dynamic workshops, continental breakfast and lunch all at the low cost of \$35.00 per person. To guarantee space in workshops all registration forms must be postmarked by **June 10, 2005**. Workshops will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Payments must be received in the form of a check or money order at the time of registration for guaranteed seating. No refunds will be given. Registration will be accepted the day of the event on a first come first served basis. Payment should be made to The STOP Organization/Second Chances and is considered a non-profit donation for tax purposes.

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____

10:15-11:45 WORKSHOP _____

1:30-3:15 WORKSHOP _____

3:20-4:45 WORKSHOP _____

Mail individually completed registration forms for each person along with payment to the address listed below:

Regional Re-entry Conference
810 Union Street, Suite 807
Norfolk, VA 23510

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For more information call 757-664-4282.



Neighborhood Design and Resource Center

City Living, Norfolk Style Lecture Series

The Norfolk Neighborhood Design and Resource Center, together with the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, are sponsoring a series of lectures that cover various aspects of housing, preservation, design, remodeling and renovation in Norfolk. **Join us the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the evening.**

June 16, 2005 at 7pm

Zoning and Sustainable Neighborhoods

Speaker: Lenny Newcomb
Zoning Administrator, City of Norfolk

Residential zoning can often times be confusing. The purpose of this lecture is to provide a clear picture on what you should know and be aware of before making an addition to you home or building a new home. Norfolk's Zoning Administrator will discuss the items of most concern as related to residential zoning. After a presentation there will be a question and answer session to elaborate on more specific concerns.

Please join us Thursday, June 18th to learn more about residential zoning and what you should know before adding on to you home.

ADMISSION:

FREE and Open to the Public.

LOCATION:

Neighborhood Design and Resource Center
111 Granby Street, Norfolk

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Andrew Northcutt at 664-6784 or
andrew.northcutt@norfolk.gov

For a complete schedule of upcoming lectures visit
www.norfolk.gov/planning/comehome/City_Living_Lecture_Series.asp.



DEVELOP YOURSELF! BUILD COMMUNITY! TAP RESOURCES!

Norfolk Neighborhood University courses coming your way in April & May...

- **MANAGING NEIGHBORHOOD CONFLICT** - Conflict is a natural part of neighborhood life. Often, the real issue is not the conflict itself but what we do with it. This unique learning experience lays a foundation for neighborhood conflict resolution and helps participants identify creative methods of managing conflict whenever and wherever it may arise. This course will be held 9:00 AM-4:00 PM on Saturday, April 23, 2005 – Vivian C. Macon Arts & Technology Center.
- **IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH: FIRST AID** – As part of the Improving Neighborhood Health initiative, this evening of first aid training is designed to empower citizens to improve and protect their individual health as well as those around them. Official American Heart Association certification for First Aid will be provided. Class will be held 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2005 – Norfolk Public Health Department.
- **UNDERSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL CODES 201** - *Prerequisite: Understanding Environmental Codes 101.* This advanced course is designed to develop citizens in three major ways. First, by enhancing students' understanding of the roles of citizens, neighborhood groups, and government in resolving community problems. Second, by building skills in recognizing and analyzing neighborhood problems and ways to create and implement solutions. Third, by further strengthening teambuilding skills to enhance problem-solving partnerships between citizens and City staff. Classes will be held 6:00-9:00 PM on Thursdays, May 5-19 AND June 9, 2005 – Norfolk Public Health Department.
- **CIVIC BOARD DEVELOPMENT** - Give your civic association or neighborhood a boost. Enhance the skills, knowledge and tools of your board members. Civic Board Development is a two-day customized, comprehensive training course designed to accommodate the unique goals and resources of neighborhood associations such as civic leagues. Topics will include governance, meeting facilitation, group dynamics and communication. Classes will be held 6:00-9:00 PM on Tuesdays, May 24 & 31, 2005 – Norfolk Public Health Department.

All Norfolk Neighborhood University courses are FREE and open to the public.

To register online for these or other Neighborhood University courses, visit...

www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp

or call the

NU Information Line at 441-2400, x232

****Neighborhood University is a community development program
sponsored by the Division of Neighborhood Services.***



Norfolk Celebrates National Night Out 2005

Stand together and promote safety and neighborhood unity
Heighten awareness of crime, drug and violence prevention.

Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
Generate support for, and participation in, neighborhood and business watch programs.
Send a message to criminals notifying them that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Join Your Neighbors in ***Lighting up the Night!!***

Any time Saturday July 23 through Sunday, August 7:

PLAN A NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

This is a great way to build community pride, celebrate living in your neighborhood, meet your neighbors, and remind neighbors that they are important in making your neighborhood safe!

Be sure to include children and older residents in these events.

Plan what works for your neighborhood. Some ideas...

PLAN A NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE

1. Invite adults and children of all ages – even those in strollers!
2. Dress up bicycles and their owners and have a bike parade
3. Encourage home-made floats
4. Include pets

HAVE AN OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC OR BARBEQUE

1. Schedule games involving group of neighbors of different ages: (Frisbee, Bean Bag, Water balloon tosses, Beach-ball Volleyball, Jump Rope contests.)
2. Invite the folks in your civic league, including businesses – use a park, school, or large yard, or get a permit (fee waived) and close off a street!
3. Invite the police who work in your area and honor them
4. Plan a theme and give prizes for the best costume

USE YOUR IMAGINATION -- HAVE FUN!!!

Please register below to let us know what your neighborhood is planning.
We will provide technical assistance and help publicize your event.

REGISTER BY EMAIL or SNAIL MAIL:

GROUP NAME: _____

EVENT LOCATION: _____

DATE OF ACTIVITY: _____

TYPE OF EVENT: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: (w/zip) _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____@_____

TYPE OF SUPPORT REQUESTED:

_____ Officer Attend event
closure

_____ Paper products for 50

_____ Permit for march/street

For additional information or assistance, call 441-2400 or Email: martha.raiss@norfolk.gov